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STAHELIN'S

"VITALITY" FRUIT PLANTS
AND TREES

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PREMIER

THE BEST OF ALL EARLY BERRIES
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1927

F. C. STAHELIN & SON.

BRIDGMAN NURSERY COMPANY

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CARLA STAHELIN

STAHELIN'S *Brico*

TRADEMARK

*"The New
and Better
Variety"*

Midseason to Late

*The First
Time
Offered*

Will yield more fruit of better quality and color than any late sort. Big in size; fine flavor; is good plant maker. The BRICO comes to you backed by STAHELIN and it means dollars to you — Try it!



Announcing — *Miss Reumann*

Stahelin's Sensational Achievement in the Strawberry Field

Brico

Is the name of the new wonder strawberry. We have been testing and trying out new varieties of strawberries that have been sent to us from all sections of the United States for many years, watching them carefully as to their adaptability, productiveness, size and quality. We find that we are able to deliver to the buying strawberry public a berry that is without a peer among all of the great strawberries that are now before the public. This Brico strawberry has all the characteristics and earmarks of the supreme berry for the coming generation and did we not consider it a berry that was superior in every way to the present day late varieties we would not offer it to our customers.

Brico is An Enormous Yielder

In regard to the productiveness there is no semi-late variety that can come anywhere near it. Its yields are enormous, the berry is not only exceptionally large, but very dark crimson red. The best of berries for commercial and home use. Where the other berries would ordinarily yield 400 cases per acre, the Brico will yield from 600 to 800 cases. When this berry is ripe, the vines are one mass of flaming red berries and there does not seem to be any space in the vines. It seems as though one berry touched the other. They are so wonderfully productive that anyone could easily pick them in the dark; when once started on the row, he will have no trouble following the Brico row, because it is so full of berries that he cannot miss them.

Tested for Five Years Before Being Offered

We have tried Brico in an experimental way for the last five years and were we to set one kind of berries, it would be the Brico and we certainly would get results both in quantity and quality. This berry is one of the healthiest and strongest of plants we have ever grown. It is a wonderful plant maker, the plants are of exceptionally large size, foliage is very dark green and it is a **monarch** among the fields of strawberry plants. During these years we have tried Brico in most all of the middle Western States, the East and in Oregon and Washington. All of these testing plots were a tremendous success, the berry being very large, withstanding frosts well, and produced a crop of fruit that was in most cases better than any other variety in that section. A few cases of these berries were also sent to canners, who tried them out and we predict that when the variety is known, it will be in great demand by the large canning concerns. This is a very desirable feature for during the years when bumper crops are secured, the canners usually take the bulk of the crop.

Brico Priced Within Reach of All

In offering this new variety we have had quite a discussion as to price which we should ask for same. It has taken us five years of hard work to develop and try out this variety in all sections and this has been a very heavy expense for us; however, we have considered the fact that the ordinary buyer does not care to pay or possibly cannot pay excessive prices for plants and we have made our rates on Brico very reasonable for a new and better berry. We have grown a large stock of them and hope that we will have enough to supply the public. This berry fills in a gap between Premier and the real late varieties and lengthens out the berry season by at least ten days. We know of nothing that will produce more berries, larger berries, redder berries and sweeter than this Brico, which we are offering this year for the first time.

This New Variety Can Only Be Bought From Stahelin

You will not find Brico listed with any other nursery. We have trade-marked the name Brico and it is our own individual property and no other nurserymen will be able to offer this variety at any time, unless with our permission. We feel safe in saying that you will be pleased when once you see this wonderful berry growing. Be sure to order largely of this one supreme berry. We know it will make you more money than any other late berry that you have ever tried. By trade-marking this great sort, we will protect our customers in regard to price of same and you may rest assured that the price of this variety will never go down to a point where the common sorts are. Brico is a pistillate or female variety and should be planted with some other late sorts in about the following proportion: Three rows of Brico and one row of some other male variety.

PRICES OF STAHELIN'S BRICO

25 plants, 75c; 50 plants, \$1.35; 75 plants, \$2.00; 100 plants, \$2.50; 200 plants, \$4.00; 300 plants, \$5.50; 400 plants, \$6.75; 500 plants, \$8.25; 1000 plants, \$15.00.



Mr. F. C. Stahelin.

STAHELIN'S

Wonderful

STRAWBERRIES

and the Men who grow Them

We want to talk this thing of planting small fruit trees, etc., over with you just a little. For over fifteen years we have been sending out our catalogs to you people who were interested in the things that we had to offer. We have made a lot of friends during this time that drop us a line every now and then to let us know how Stahelin's plants and trees are getting on down on the farm. We like to hear from you people, as we are just as

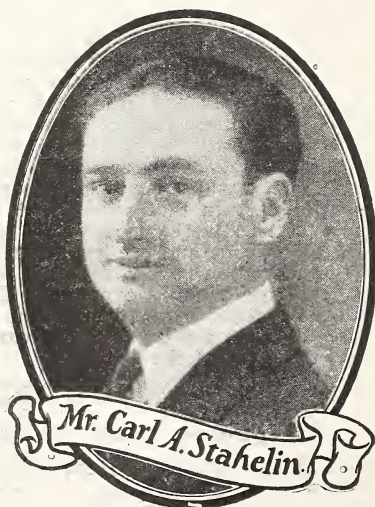
much interested in having our plants make you money after you get them as before. We are all in business to make money, whether it is farming or any other line. We are on the farm just as you are and we do not need to tell you that general farming has not made you very much money in the past few years. This has not been the case of fruit farmers generally, as all of our friends and customers are in much better condition financially than those that are just raising hay and grain, etc.

We have made a little change in our policy this year; look at our prices, compare them with any other firm that is in good standing and you will see that we are from fifteen to twenty-five per cent lower on all lines than they are. Why is this possible, you ask? Well, for one thing, we are not doing much national advertising. This saves us from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. We are not spending thousands of dollars getting out a big 100-page catalog, all dolled up with fancy colors on every page and we are on the job ourselves looking after things on our own farms and even packing plants at times. We have got a lot of things to look after in this business to see that you get your order on time and that it will get to you in good condition. We have cut our prices this year down to the very BONE. We have tried to cut overhead costs at all times in every way and to pass these savings on to you. In this manner we will get more customers, people who are not acquainted with us and you bet that if they once order from us they will come back again. That is the policy of our Company—"satisfied customers." Now to make these low prices possible and at the same time give you quality and service our business must double or up goes the price. You know the only reason Ford sells you a good automobile for \$400.00—and it is a good one, too—is because of his large production; this cuts his cost down. This same thing applies to any other line. We cannot sell a million plants and give you the price that we do, but we have to sell twenty million. That is what we are going to do this year; by selling this large quantity of stock, and this way only can we afford to make these low prices and give you plants, trees, etc., that are absolutely as good as you can buy any place and covered by the broadest GUARANTEE any company can give and live up to. We mean this and were it possible for us to give you the names of the thousands of farmers and folks who are our customers and friends, you would see that we do this and even more.

Our business has been growing larger and larger in every way and this is not because we have increased our advertising or by putting out large catalogs, but because we are giving the people quality at a fair price (now don't forget that word, QUALITY, A GREAT WORD). When Stahelin says, QUALITY, that is what you get. Our customers are recommending us to their friends and this is increasing our sales; as an instance, our sales on fruit trees for the season of 1926 were 430% larger than they were in 1925, a tremendous increase, but made possible only by the fact that our stock is right, the best that can be grown and our prices are in line. Take for example the Delicious apple; we will sell you 100 of the best trees you ever saw for less than \$40.00. Can you buy them elsewhere for this? We do not think you can. Most houses will quote them to you at \$60.00 to \$80.00 per hundred. We sell Delicious apple trees by the thousand, to big commercial orchards, because our quality and prices are what they should be. Another example, compare our price on Mastodon; can any one compete with it? And the plants direct from the originator and from our own farms. Read our contract made under oath and we believe you will be satisfied to send us your order, knowing you are going to be treated right and get your money's worth.

It will help us greatly if you people would send in your orders as early as possible. We will ship C. O. D. if the order amounts to \$10.00 or over. Ordering early helps us in a lot of ways and whether your order is big or small we want it and will appreciate it. If you are not in a position to order this season drop us a line anyway, as we are ALWAYS glad to hear from our friends and customers.

F. C. Stahelin & Son



Mr. Carl A. Stahelin.

It is Easy to Order from Stahelin

We want every shipment from Stahelin's Plant Farms to fill your orders to your entire satisfaction; and we do all that we can to insure safe and prompt delivery to you, of vigorous, true-name plants.

You can greatly assist us in this by making your order clear and complete. For quicker, more efficient service, we offer the following suggestions:

ORDER EARLY AND AVOID DELAY. Early in the season we have a complete stock of all varieties, and you can be sure of getting the plants you want by ordering then. The sooner we get your order after this book reaches you, the better we can serve you. Our shipping season begins about March 20th and continues to about May 10th, depending on whether the season is early or late. We strongly advise that your plants be shipped not later than May 1st for profitable crops.

Our plants are dormant early in the Spring and are in most satisfactory condition for transplanting. Our high, dry soil enables us to ship earlier than is possible where plants are grown in low, wet ground.

Our customers will please remember that the time for filling orders is short, and it will facilitate our work greatly if orders are sent before the rush. This reduces our office work during the busy season.

Stock wanted in the Fall may be ordered now from this catalog. Our Fall shipping season usually commences the first of October and lasts through November.

WE ENCLOSE OUR ORDER BLANK FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. Be sure to fill out the order sheet fully and correctly—it will prevent mistakes. Write plainly with ink, giving name and address in full, county and state, also give name of town where postoffice and express offices are located, if you wish the goods shipped to a different point than your address. Please write letters on a separate sheet, giving your name and address each time you write us.

We have not found it safe to ship live plants by freight. Always tell us how you want your goods sent; if not specified, we will use our best judgment, sending your order the safest and cheapest way. Unless otherwise specified, all prices in this catalog, or quotations by letter, are f. o. b. Bridgman.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ORDERS. We are very glad to help you succeed with Stahelin's plants, and want you to write us any time you desire information. We endeavor to answer all correspondence promptly. We acknowledge orders the same day they are received. When writing about an order that has been placed with us, always mention the order number we gave you. Give your name and address every time you write us.

WE GUARANTEE CAREFUL SHIPMENTS OF TRUE-TO-NAME PLANTS. Our stock is packed carefully without extra charge to you. Every variety is carefully separated and labeled correctly.

We endeavor to give you what you order, and never substitute. When ordering late, please state your second choice in case we should be sold out of the variety you wish.

We accept all orders with the understanding that we will not be responsible for more than the amount paid for the plants, if unable to deliver by reason of conditions beyond our control, such as shortage of stock, strikes, or any act of Nature.

We will ship orders C. O. D. provided they amount to \$10.00 or more. One-half cash must be paid in advance at the time order is placed, and C. O. D. for the balance due us. The plants will be shipped to you at the proper time for planting. No Cash Discount Allowed on C. O. D. Orders.

We do not sell less than twenty-five plants of a variety except where noted. It will save time in filling your order if you remember this when figuring prices. Should you order twenty-five plants of four different varieties, figure the cost of each at the twenty-five rate and not at the hundred rate.

FOR PROMPT, ECONOMICAL SHIPPING. When conditions are normal, we would advise you to have all fair sized shipments of plants sent by express; this is the safest, and for large shipments, or those going a long distance, it is the cheapest way.

For very small orders, we recommend parcel post. Stahelin's parcel post shipments are packed carefully, and your order is thus delivered to your door. Your Postmaster will tell you the zone you live in. As high as seventy pounds may be shipped in one lot, to the second, third and fourth zones; and fifty pounds to all other zones.

We guarantee that the stock we ship you will be just as represented in this catalog, freshly dug for each order, and packed to reach you in good growing condition.

IN CASE OF SHORTAGE, ERROR, OR DAMAGE.

We are always glad to rectify any mistakes we have made, and wish you to advise us of any shortage, damage, or error in your shipment. All such complaints will be promptly taken care of, but must be made at once, upon arrival of stock, or not later than five days thereafter; after which we will not be responsible. If the packages arrive in damaged condition, send us the express receipt with the agent's notation, showing extent of damage. In case of shortage we will promptly send you the number of plants you were short.

WE REFER YOU. We consider our thousands of satisfied customers our best references. We also refer you for information regarding our reliability to the Bridgman State Bank, Bridgman, Michigan; the Union Banking Company, St. Joseph, Michigan; or the American Railway Express Co., Bridgman, Michigan.

Stahelin's improved **A Sure Crop** **ELDORADO** **Every Year**



Eldorado Blackberries.

Stahelin's Improved Eldorado never winter-kills and always produces a full crop of jet black berries of enormous size. The berries are as large as your thumb, the hardiest and prettiest of all Blackberries, with that delicious aroma and flavor which can only be found in a wild Blackberry. This makes it very valuable for all purposes, both home and commercial, it being so very firm that it will remain in good condition from four to six days and can be sent to distant markets where it always commands the highest price; being a berry that retains its rich, glossy black color until it is consumed, never turning red like the ordinary Blackberry. The berry having no hard core, makes it the choice of the canner and housewife, who can convert it to many valuable uses, as it makes the best of jams, preserves, jellies, cordials, and such good old time Blackberry pies. It is also used by old timers to make that highly prized concoction known as Blackberry wine. One case of these Blackberries will make more of this wine than any other on account of its rich wild flavor. It is perfectly free from disease and is recommended by experimental stations and by the United States Agricultural Department. We have three distinct grades of Eldorado Blackberry plants.

First. The old and popular T-root plant, taken up between the rows after the fruiting season is over. This has been the main plant on the market for years and usually was priced lowest, as it required the least effort to get them.

Second. Our famous root-cutting Blackberries, first introduced by us about six years ago. These plants have met with such enthusiastic favor that we were never able to supply the call that was made for them. We have doubled our output yearly until we have plants of best fruiting strain, grown under our own personal supervision on soil that is ideally perfect for the growing of these plants. They are thrifty and strong, full of roots and life. Carefully dug by

tractor power, which lifts them carefully, after which they are shed and all plants discarded that are not up to standard.

Transplanted Eldorado Blackberry Plants for Immediate Results

If you want to get a crop of Blackberries this year, our transplanted Blackberries will make it possible. They are strong, full of limbs and roots, having been reset in nursery rows for two years, which enables them to bear just as soon as they are set out. Each plant will have a generous lot of berries, a pint of nice ripe berries to a single bush is no uncommon occurrence and many bushes will have even more.

Alfred—New Giant Blackberry

Alfred is the newest of the Blackberries. Greatly resembles Eldorado in appearance. Has the same good shipping qualities, also is free from rust and very hardy. Originated in Michigan. Comes into bearing very early and produces its immense crop of fruit a few days ahead of Eldorado. Alfred is very large and its early ripening season makes it desirable, for we have long wanted a berry that was early, hardy, a good producer and shipper.

The supply of Alfred plants is not large but every grower should start now with 100 plants, for they will soon multiply and the price will be high for years. Alfred has no bad features and by reason of its large size and immense fruiting capacities we recommend it to our growers. For prices see page 38.

MARY WASHINGTON

Rust-Resisting Asparagus Will Increase Your Bank Account



Mary Washington.

Rust Cannot Affect Mary Washington

This new variety that has been offered to the public for but a short time, has been approved by the best of horticulturists as the most rust-resistant Asparagus grown. It is grown in large quantities along the seaboard with the greatest success. This rust-resisting quality is only to be found in the Washington varieties. After a bed of this kind is once established it will live for many years.

Mary Washington is the Result of Years of Breeding

This new pedigreed, rust-resistant Asparagus is the result of breeding by the United States Bureau of Plant Industry which co-operated with the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station in perfecting and producing this wonderful variety. These experiments covered a period of fourteen years before they succeeded in getting a sort which they thought was the acme of perfection.

During these experiments the first successful variety produced was called the Washington. It was far ahead of any of the varieties then raised. This sort was next improved upon and the result was named Martha Washington. This last named variety, while the best of any strain of asparagus as yet produced was not considered to be as good as could be grown. So they began to experiment again and the final result was another sort different from all the rest but still of the Washington strain. This was called the **Mary Washington**. This is what we offer you today—Pedigreed Mary Washington Asparagus. Don't buy Washington when you can get Mary Washington for the same money and at the same time get pedigreed plants.

See page 38 for prices.

Gladiolus Bargains

One of the Greatest of Flowers and the Best Bargain You Have Ever Had on Them

We have an enormous supply of extra large size Gladiolus bulbs. On this lot we are making a bargain price. Will contain all the best colors, as red, white, pink and lavender. In fact, all of the best and we offer them as a mixed lot. These are not small bulbs but the large ones as used by greenhouses, one and one-quarter to two inches in size. Every bulb guaranteed to be satisfactory or we will refund your money. Price, 100 bulbs, all colors, \$2.50; 50 bulbs, all colors, \$1.50.

Hardy Climbing Roses

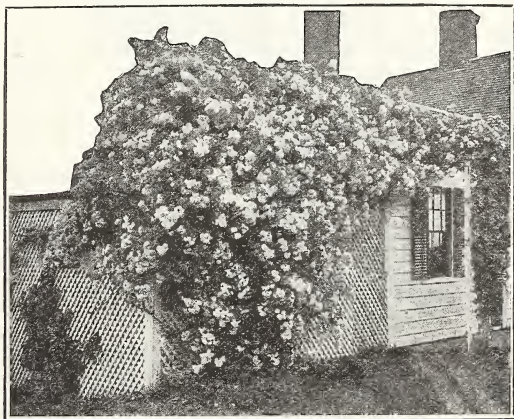
We have made a specialty of Climbing Roses for some time and are making a sale price on these plants while they last. What is more pretty than a bright red, white or pink Climbing Rose. It will add greatly to the beauty, also the value of your place. Climbers quickly cover an unsightly post, lattice work or building. These Roses are all large, two-year plants and at a price which you cannot duplicate.

Prices: Each, 40c; 3, \$1.00; 10, \$3.00.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER. A semi-climber. Scarlet and very brilliant, good sized flowers, produced freely in clusters.

DOROTHY PERKINS. Very popular and attractive, shell pink flowers, produced in large clusters.

CRIMSON RAMBLER. Very vigorous, medium sized flowers, double and dark red in color.



Dorothy Perkins Roses.



GIBSON

The Midsummer Favorite

A Profit-Making Commercial Berry

Gibson commences to bear with Senator Dunlap. Owing to its productiveness it continues quite late, so we class it with our medium late varieties.

The Gibson is bound to make Bridgman as famous as the automobile has made Detroit; as the real, genuine Gibson can only be found here where it was originated. It should by all means be in every collection. It has been grown extensively in this country for several years, and is one of the most profitable commercial Strawberries in the Great Fruit Belt. Growers are setting Gibson in large lots. It is one of the very best shipping varieties.

Resists Drought

It is a very strong grower, with long roots that withstand dry weather. As a drought resister, it is a wonder. It has plenty of dark green foliage to protect its enormous crops of fruit from the direct rays of the sun.

Thrifty, High-Producing Plants

The vines are loaded with berries. You will hardly understand how the plants can produce such quantities of fruit. The berry is extra large and beautiful, dark glossy red. The calyx is bright green which adds to its beauty and market value. It has a fine flavor; a perfect table and canning berry.

Large, Uniform Berries

One of the best points this remarkable variety has is that it will hold its size until the very end of the picking season. This we believe is due to the extra large, healthy plant, which has a very long root system, and is almost immune to disease. Whether you grow Strawberries for the market or home use, we recommend Gibson. The plant is perfect-flowering and an exceptionally fine pollenizer, making it a good one to set with other imperfect varieties. See page 38 for prices.

Medium Early Varieties

Proven Profit-makers



Dr. Burrill
Strawberries.

Dr. Burrill

The Million Dollar Strawberry

Solid, Rich Meat—Drought Resisting.

This variety should be included in every order sent to us this season. Our trial ground has shown it to be a berry of the Dunlap type, which has been crossed with the Crescent. It is a splendid shipper, having a nice rich red color, large, and firm enough to make a desirable berry. Wherever known, Dr. Burrill is gaining many friends, and we advise putting it in your collection this year. The plant will make a good fruiting row under the most trying conditions. It is healthy and productive and a few days earlier than the Dunlap, which it greatly resembles. We have a wonderful stock of them and every plant is true to name.

The call for Dr. Burrill has been exceptionally great, in fact, so great that we were all sold out long before the season ended. To give you an idea of its reputation, about 65 per cent of all our orders during the past season had Dr. Burrill in them. We have the very best Dr. Burrills you can buy, every plant a perfect beauty and sure to grow. Try them. If you have had trouble getting good fruiting rows heretofore with other kinds, we can assure you success with our Dr. Burrill. For prices see page 38.

Senator Dunlap—The World-Wide Favorite

Does well in most localities, is a fine table and canning berry, a good shipper, an excellent cropper. You can't go wrong if you set out our Dunlaps, which, by continuous selection for health, vigor and productiveness, have continued to improve under our system of cultivation until they are recognized by fruit plant inspectors, by men thoroughly versed in the ways of fancy fruit culture, by nurserymen, by our neighbors, as a plant of highest merit, with productive qualities unsurpassed. The berry is a beautiful crimson color, large size, firm, dark red flesh; its bright golden seeds making it very attractive. On account of its great firmness it can be shipped to distant markets. Holds up a long while after being picked.

The wonderful vigor of the plant will fill your row a long time before any of the others get fairly started. The plant makes runners so freely that you must check it by keeping the row cut down to about eight inches wide. Don't let the plants mat too thickly. For prices see page 38.

Place your orders early and get our cash discount as allowed. See bottom page 38.



BRIDGMAN, BERRIEN CO.
MICHIGAN

April 22, 1926.

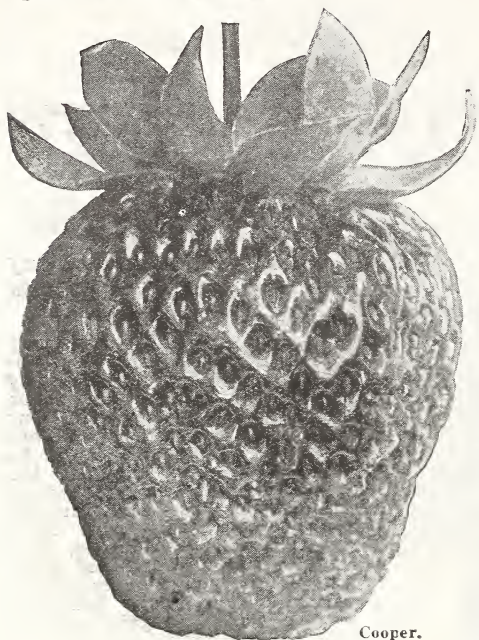
Dear Sir:

I will write to let you know that I received my strawberry plants. I had them set now two days and they grow some of them nearly an inch a night. I know I am going to be well pleased with them.

David Snowden.

Grow COOPER

Large in Size



Cooper.

inches high. They look like small stalks of pie plant. Genuine Cooper plants bring you fancy fruit from your own back yard.

Cooper Plants are Loaded With Berries

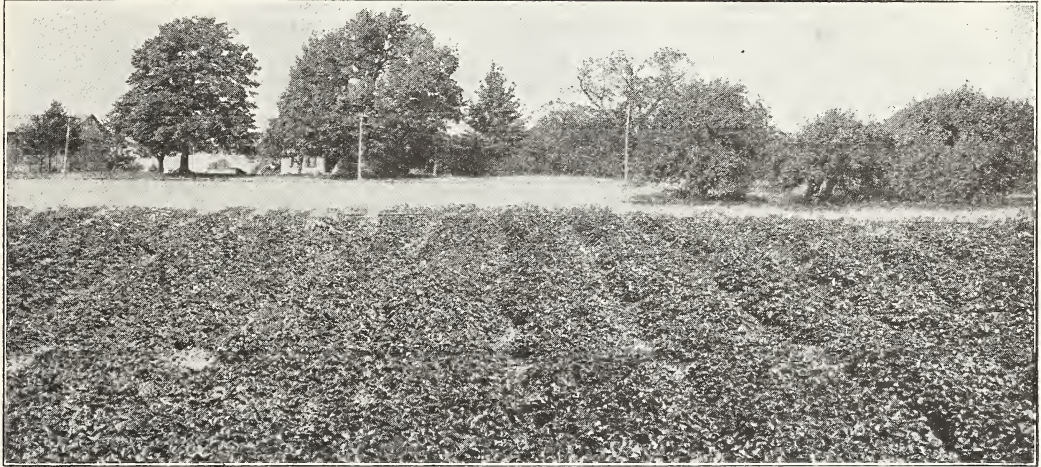
To anyone who has never seen this wonderful new variety growing, it is impossible to describe its productiveness. The plants make such an enormous growth that common varieties look like wild Strawberries when planted with Cooper. Every plant has several big, strong fruit stems, and these are literally loaded with the biggest berries ever produced. The last berries are as big as the first. The plant and vigorous root system make this possible.

From every viewpoint of the commercial grower, the gardener, or the home owner, Cooper is indeed a remarkable variety. But the greatest of all is that peculiar, wild, delicious flavor, which is not found in any other Strawberry.



Part of our field of Cooper plants. They have had the best of care and come to you full of life and vitality.

For Big Berries and Luscious Flavor and Yield



A field of Cooper, growing in central Ohio. This customer reported a yield at the rate of \$880.00 per acre.

Cooper Has a Long Productive Season

It is a medium early berry. Ripens with Dunlap, Haverland, etc., and carries and ripens its immense crop gradually, making its season fairly long. The price of Cooper berries will always be much higher than ordinary kinds on account of its size and fine flavor.

Cooper is a perfect variety and can be grown alone.

Buy Your Cooper Plants of Stahelin

The exacting buyer should insist on getting his Cooper plants from the source of its original introduction, which is near us. Others may list them, but you run a certain chance of not getting what you order, as the sale and propagation of same has been restricted.

A few dollars bring you Stahelin's Improved plants, which are superior to all others. They need no petting—are sturdy, strong and hardy, and great producers. You will be surprised how they will make your bank account grow. For prices see page 38.

We know our stock is genuine and you can rely on it

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stahelin:

Will write and tell you about my Strawberry plants I got of you last Spring. I got 1,000 and they were surely the best looking plants I ever saw. Almost every one grew and my patch looks lovely and expect a good crop this Summer.

Was well pleased.

Sincerely yours,
J. W.



Twenty-five Cooper plants ready for shipment. Most of the top leaves have been removed. Note large root growth.

(See page 39 for color sketch.)

PREMIER *A Big Early Money-maker*

THE FIRST BERRY ON THE MARKET

Premier means first, and that describes the Premier Strawberry perfectly. When compared with other varieties it is first in everything. It is one of the first in size, first in yield, first in productiveness, first in flavor, and last but not least, first to ripen. Growers have long wanted an early variety possessing these qualities.

If you plant Premier, you will get the first berries on the market. They bear heavily before other varieties begin. You will be picking quantities of them when berries are in demand and bringing the top price; and Premier keeps on producing big crops of beautiful berries until late in the season.

Premier in Demand for Fancy Trade

The Premier berry will do its own talking. You cannot keep it a secret, and buyers and pickers will flock to your door. It ripens all over at once; you do not need to turn it over to see if it is ripe. This makes it a favorite with the berry pickers. Buyers drive many miles out of their way to pick up a nice lot of Premier berries.

Premier is Practically Frost-Proof

While it is the earliest Strawberry ever grown, Premier is so frost-resistant in both bud and blossom that its fruit crop has never been destroyed. Think what this means to the market grower. Premier eliminates crop uncertainties, and by ripening five days to a week ahead of any other kind, it never fails to command the highest price.

150 rows of Premier, one-quarter



\$5175⁰⁰ Made From 5 Acres of PREMIER

One Thousand Dollars per Acre—Average

In our own section of Berrien County was a field of Stahelin's Premier of approximately five acres. These plants had good clean cultivation and were liberally fertilized. Outside of this they had no special attention, they were not mulched nor were they under irrigation. In other words the plants were grown under natural conditions. From these five acres of Premier were picked 2284 16-quart cases of Strawberries, or 36,544 quarts. These berries brought at actual market price \$5,175.00. Had a little more attention been given to packing and regularity in picking, we feel sure that the returns on this patch could have been increased easily by at least \$500.00, this is a little over \$1,000.00 per acre. Could you make this much money from corn, hay or any other farm crop? You could not. The Premier Strawberry is so far ahead of any other early variety that we list only this one kind, Premier, as we know that no other early sort could make our customers this much money. The Premier berry is peculiar inasmuch as this variety will not generally make any more plants than is needed to produce a good picking row. For this reason the plants of this variety are usually correctly spaced about four to six inches apart. This means big giant berries and they certainly do produce lots of them.

Splendid Long Distance Shipper

As a long distance shipper, Premier is unsurpassed. The berries are firm and will arrive at your market in fine condition. A berry that will stand up and keep its fresh, firm appearance for days will sell itself in any market.

We have never said much about just what could be done with Strawberries, that is, actual returns which would be expected from them, but the possibilities of money making from Premier Strawberries was so forcibly brought to our attention this Summer, that we give you a little summary of same.

of a mile long, growing on our farms.





Eaton.

Firmness, Flavor and Remarkable Productiveness Are Combined in the Eaton

We are firmly convinced that Eaton is one of the best of all varieties that are grown for a medium or semi-late season, because of its many fine qualities, as one of the first things to consider is its firmness, which is remarkable. It can be shipped to distant markets and arrive in splendid condition. It can hang on the vines for a week after it is ripe and still be fine for shipping or home use.

Eaton's productiveness is remarkable. It is grown on long stems that are one complete mass of berries. Many plants will grow a pint and some more. Its size is remarkable. Many of them are as large as a silver dollar; there are, practically speaking, no smaller ones. Its color is a beautiful crimson, exceedingly attractive. Its flavor is of the best, sweet and luscious.

A splendid canner, retaining its shape and color to perfection. The plant is a very upright grower, can easily be distinguished from the ordinary plant, is perfectly free from all diseases, and is a good plant maker.

We have watched this berry carefully for several years and feel confident that it is one of the real finds of late years, one that all will want as soon as they know of its many good qualities. See page 38 for prices.

Urbana, Ohio.
April 25, 1926.

Dear Sir:

The plants you sent me came in fine shape. I thank you. Quite a few asked me concerning you. I made the deal for you to the Colored Masonic Home here.

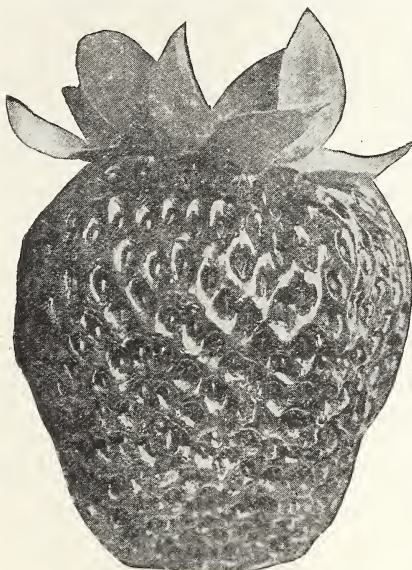
Yours,
C. B. Page.

**Free with Every Strawberry Order,
"How Strawberries Should Be Grown and
Taken Care Of"
State in Your Order if You
Want it**

Stakelin's
WONDERFUL
Strawberries
GROWN IN
BRIDGMAN, BERRIEN CO.,
MICHIGAN.

The Cream of the Standard Varieties

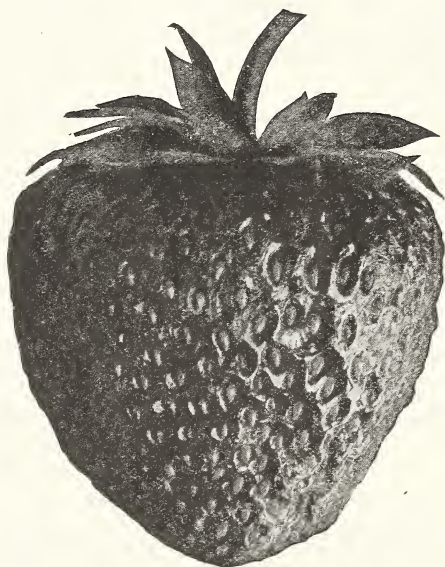
These varieties are so common and so well known that we are giving them only a very short description. They are all good proven, profitable sorts.



Howard 17.

HOWARD No. 17 A comparatively new variety, which has been growing in a few of the Strawberry sections of the East for several years. The Howard 17 is a berry of the Premier type, staminate, and yields at times 15,000 quarts to the acre. Plants very vigorous with perfect foliage. Berries large, firm, very beautiful and of delicious flavor. Season is very early to late. A Strawberry without a fault, one that will solve the variety question for both home use and market. This berry was produced after thirty years of scientific plant breeding, and after 25,000 seedlings had been originated. For prices see page 38.

AROMA (S.) A popular berry grown by many in place of the Gandy. Foliage smooth, deep green, spreading habit. The leaves are long, broad and clean. As a pollenizer for late pistillates it is unexcelled. The variety are very large, bright red. The flavor of the fruit is deliciously aromatic and very rich, the flesh is smooth and solid. For prices see page 38.



Aroma.

WARFIELD (P.) One of the oldest and best known varieties of Strawberries grown, and it still has many staunch friends scattered everywhere, who have grown it regularly and find it one of the best. It is a good sized berry, dark color, fine flavor, very productive. Warfield grows particularly well on heavy soils; a clay soil seems to be its home. Wherever you offer Warfield berries for sale, you have no trouble in getting customers. For canning purposes it has no superior. For prices see page 38.

Write us concerning large lots of strawberry plants. We are in a position to handle association or club orders in the best manner at right prices.

Certificate of Nursery Inspection No. 269 State Department of Agriculture

This is to certify that the Nursery Stock of F. C. Stahelin and Son, Bridgman, Michigan, has been examined and found apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases.

L. Whitney Watkins, Commissioner.

This Certificate to be void after July 31, 1927.
E. C. Mandenberg, In Charge of Nursery and Orchard Inspection,
Lansing, Michigan, October 19, 1926.

Vermontville,
Michigan.
April 3, 1926.

Dear Sirs:
The trees, bushes
and vines came
in fine condition
and we are much
pleased with
them.

Yours truly,
E. W. Stevens.



Registered Seed Corn

At the Price of Common Kinds. Ripens in 90 Days. Will Greatly Increase Your Yield

We are not going to say much about our seed corn this season as we haven't got the space to do it in. Last year was the first time that we offered our seed corn, which is eligible to registration in Michigan. This seed corn which we offer is not common corn, but corn which is registered just as a good thoroughbred cow or horse is. The two varieties which we list are considered by us to be the best and will have the same effect on your corn crop that a good sire would have on your herd of cows. Every one knows that last year was a good one for corn, but our registered corn was so superior to the common that had it been possible for our customers to have seen this difference no one would ever plant common corn again. We had two fields of corn that was particularly good. One was a small field of three acres, which yielded at the rate of 96 bushels per acre of good corn and another of sixteen acres that averaged over 78 bushels to the acre. These yields while not phenomenal were made on soil not especially fertilized. This crop was grown on our own farm here which is not a corn section. This registered seed corn will cost you less than 90c an acre and we know you cannot afford to sow common seed, when you can get ours for so little. Our seed is from **Blue Ribbon** stock as we had the best ten ears at the Southern Michigan Show taking the sweepstakes prize over all other entries. Duncan corn also took first prize at the Michigan State Fair over hundreds of other entries from all over the United States.

If your order calls for seed corn and plants the corn will be shipped to you in advance of your plant order, if same is for one bushel or over. If less than this amount plants and corn will be shipped at the same time.

Registered Field Corn

Duncan

A Yellow Dent variety which will mature in Michigan. Makes a very heavy growth of fodder, stands upright under severe conditions. Matures in 90 days. Price: 1 lb., 25c; 10 lbs., \$2.00; 1 bu., \$5.00.

Pickett's Yellow Dent

A dented variety that ripens very early. Will make a fairly good growth on poor soils. Matures in 85 days. Price: 1 lb., 25c; 10 lbs., \$2.00; 1 bu., \$5.00.

Golden Bantam Sweet Corn

This is an early sweet corn with golden yellow grain. Is of excellent flavor and very tender. The ears are medium sized, just right for table use. Stalks four to five feet in height. Our supply is small, not over 100 bushels, so order as soon as possible, as it will help us to fill your order. Price: 1 lb., 40c; 2 lbs., 70c; 10 lbs. or more at 33c per lb.

Gentlemen:

Your seed corn has greatly increased the yield and quality of my corn. My average has been almost 80 bushels to the acre and it all was thoroughly ripened in less than 90 days. Me for Northern seed after this.

Knox, Ind.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. B.

Currants and Gooseberries

Currants should be planted in good fertile soil, with liberal manuring, and the tops should be cut back nearly to the crown, allowing only three or four canes to grow the first year. Plant in rows five to six feet apart and three feet apart in the row. Prune more or less every year to get rid of the old wood and keep the bushes open.

As to the soil, cultivation, etc., all that we have said concerning the currant applies to the Gooseberry. We have a special permit from the federal government whereby we can now ship Gooseberries and Currants to any State in the United States.

For prices on Gooseberries and Currants see page 38.

Currants

FAY'S PROLIFIC The leading market variety. Extra large stems and berries, uniform in size, easily picked; productive. The demand always exceeds the supply.

LONDON MARKET A particularly valuable variety for northern climates, as it is planted extensively in Michigan and is regarded as one of the very best for that state. The plant is extremely hardy and vigorous and retains its foliage throughout the season. Beautiful in color, large in size and a very heavy cropper. Ships well and is excellent for market, either near or distant.

PERFECTION The latest introduction created by crossing Fay's Prolific with White Grape, combines the best qualities of both parents. In color it is a beautiful bright red and of a size larger than Fay's Prolific; the clusters average longer and size of berries is uniform.

Gooseberries

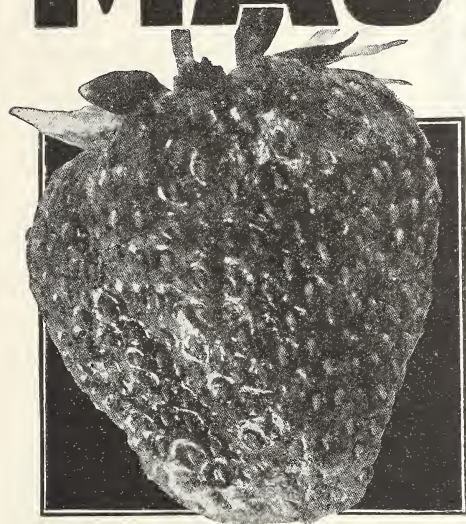
DOWNING Originated at Newburgh, N. Y. Fruit much larger than Houghton; roundish; light green color, with distinct veins; skin smooth; flesh soft, juicy and very fine flavored.

HOUGHTON Vigorous American sort; very productive; free from mildew; fruit medium roundish, smooth, pale red color; tender, sweet and of a delicious flavor; very profitable for canning and catsup. For prices see inside back.

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**STAHELIN'S
GENUINE**

MASTODON



ACTUAL SIZE

The **GIANT
EVERBEARER**
THAT PAYS
\$1500. AND MORE
an Acre!

Friends, it is a hard thing to believe that you can take a Strawberry, plant it in April or May and pick from four hundred to six hundred 16-quart cases of berries off of one acre the same Fall. Big crop, isn't it, but this is what Mastodon will do and has been doing for the past three or four years, and these berries come on the market when it is almost bare of fruit and berries are in great demand. Stahelin's original Mastodon is not in the experimental age. It has been tested in all the Strawberry sections under all conditions and found to be perfect in every way possible. Mastodon will produce a larger amount of fruit per acre than any other everbearing ever offered and its size under most conditions is at least 100% larger than the common ordinary everbearing Strawberry. Why farmers will plant 100 acres of corn when a few acres of everbearing Strawberries will make them a great deal more money is more than we can understand. Stahelin's Mastodon will do this and more. We know that one acre of Mastodon will bring to the ordinary farmer more cash money and clear profit than 40 acres of corn and at all times this profit can be made on a much less fraction of ground. We don't need legislation to make money, but we do need diversification and we'll all make more money; when the farmer diversifies and raises more fruit instead of planting so much corn, wheat, etc., then the farmer will be in a better financial condition. We know there is big money to be made from the fruit of Stahelin's original Mastodon and will plant a great many acres for fruiting, knowing that they will make us more money than any other crop by far that can be raised during the same length of time. You folks know, "that a spring is purest at its source," so that Stahelin's Mastodon is today just as good and better than it was when first developed. Our original strain of Mastodon guarantees you the fine color, big size and tremendous bearing capacity of the original Mother Mastodon plant.

Be sure you plant Stahelin's original strain so that you will be assured of the fine berries which this variety is capable of producing.

You owe it to yourself and your wife and your family to start with a good sized patch of Stahelin's Mastodon. At least one-half acre, if you are interested in a commercial way and more so if circumstances permit. If you are interested only in enough fruit for your family, 150 to 200 plants will produce more than enough fruit for you. You will find that the pleasure and profit which you will get from Stahelin's original Mastodon will be one of the bright spots of life. Stahelin's original Mastodon Strawberries are not only large, but are of wonderful flavor and a very distinctive aroma. It is a very deep red, firm, has a beautiful calyx and will stand shipment to distant points better than any everbearing which has ever been offered; in fact it is the only everbearer that we have ever handled real successfully in a commercial manner and made money. Never in the history of the American public has any such berry been presented to the berry buyers and we know that unless you try this variety you will be greatly disappointed when you see them elsewhere. The Mastodon everbearing Strawberry has gained more popularity in the few years that it has been before the public than any other everbearing introduced. Why? There certainly must be a reason for this or the berries would not be in such tremendous demand as they have been in the past few years. Mastodon fame has spread from Maine to California and the fruit buyers are calling for these berries continually during the late Fall months.

Since a recent failure of an everbearing variety, it has made the buyers somewhat skeptical about any variety. As stated above, Mastodon is not in an experimental stage and we give you on the following page a few letters and statements from our customers and from visitors who have seen our fields of Stahelin's Original Mastodon.

**Read--on the Next Page
What MASTODON Has Done**

A Tremendous Success Wherever Planted

We would like to have every man, woman or child who is interested in everbearing Strawberries come and see Mastodon in bearing next September or October. You will probably find us in overalls and an old straw hat but we will be here and mighty glad to show you what we are growing and doing along this line.

proof!

Falls City, Nebr.
Dear Sirs:

In regard to the Mastodon everbearing Strawberries they are so far ahead of the Progressive, that there is no comparison; I had them planted side by side and the Mastodon bloomed and bore fine large berries. I can recommend Mastodon to everybody that wants to plant Strawberries for they are sure big berries and thrifty plants.

Thanking you for sending such fine strong plants,
Sincerely yours,
C. B.

Mastodon a Big Producer
Jefferson Barracks,
Mo.

Dear Mr. Stahelin:

I am sorry that I can not give you a better report on your Mastodon. My chickens got out a week after I had them planted and scratched out over one-half of them. The plants that were left have produced at the rate of one quart per plant and had the chickens not bothered me, I surely would have made a killing from them.

Sincerely yours,
H. B.

Produced a Tremendous Crop
Denham, Ind.

Gentlemen:

Just a line concerning Stahelin's Mastodon. They have done fine, produced a tremendous crop of fruit this Fall, which brought us more than ten times what we paid for the plants, outside of the berries which we had for our own use.

Sincerely yours,
H. C.

Big Crop at Best Prices
Dear Sir:

Last year I purchased from you 150 Stahelin's Mastodon. From these plants I have picked over 200 quarts of No. 1 strawberries that have sold at my home near Tuscon at prices ranging from 25c to 50c per quart. You people cannot say enough about your original strain of Mastodon.

Sincerely yours, H. O.

Finest and Most Productive Everbearing
Dear Sir: Geneva, N. Y.

Absolutely the finest and most productive everbearing ever seen.

Sincerely yours,
C. B. (Prominent N. Y. Nurseryman.)

Mastodon Was a Revelation

Gentlemen: Illinois.
This is the first everbearing strawberry that I know will make big money for the ordinary berry grower. It is a revelation to me and has been well worth my trip here to see them growing and fruiting in your fields.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. (Prop. of the largest Nsy. in Ill.)

Mastodons Were Better than We Claimed for Them

Dear Sirs: Punxsutawney, Pa.

Would say that the Mastodons were all you claimed and more, too. Received mine late in the season and they took right hold and were completely covered with berries of the very largest size until freezing weather. Wish you could have seen the difference in the everbearing varieties grown in the same field. No comparison whatever. Will not grow any other everbearing but Mastodon.

Yours truly,
V. E. C.

Mastodon is Truly Marvelous

Gentlemen: St. Joseph, Mich.

I am firmly convinced that the ordinary man can take an acre of Stahelin's Mastodon on fair soil and make a great deal more money than he could from the same space of ground planted to any other crop. This berry is truly marvelous and it is the greatest step in advancement in the everbearing line that I have seen during my lifetime and I have been in close contact with the berry business for the past twenty years.

Yours very truly,
H. M.

People Would Not Buy the Common Sort
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Your original strain of Mastodon have produced so well and been so good that I thought I owed it to you to write.

We commenced to picking quite a few berries just seven weeks after the 500 plants arrived. They are so much larger than the ordinary everbearing variety. On my roadside stand the people would hardly buy the common sorts. These few plants have made me more cash money than I thought possible and I assure you that you will get a lot of customers from this section. Last year I had a friend who wants enough plants for three acres and he will not be satisfied with any other plants after seeing yours in bearing.

Many thanks for the fine rose plant.

Yours very truly,
J. C. L.

Such a Mass of Green and Ripe Fruit Seemed Impossible

Benton Harbor, Mich.

Your fields of original Mastodon have made an impression on me that I will not forget. The fine rows and such a mass of green and ripe fruit seemed almost impossible. Had I not seen them while they were growing, it does not seem that a single plant could produce such a crop of Mastodon, which are three times as big as any everbearing I have ever been in contact with and of much better quality. Although I have only about one-half acre of ground available for planting next year, I assure you it will be planted to Stahelin's original Mastodon.

Yours very truly,
E. J.

Has Never Seen Such a Crop of Berries

Dear Sir: Springfield, Ill.
Your Mastodon plants arrived in fine shape, were duly planted and today are full of blossoms and fruit. I have never seen such a crop of berries that a single Mastodon plant will produce.

Yours truly,
J. H.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR MASTODON FROM STAHELIN

Below, Mr. George W. Voer, the originator of the MASTODON everbearing strawberry. Photograph taken October, 1926, in a block of Mastodon grown under his supervision for us. One of the finest patches of strawberries we have ever seen and every one a thoroughbred original Mastodon.



Copyright 1926,
Bridgman Nursery Co.

June 1, 1926

This contract made between F. C. Stahelin & Son of Bridgman, Mich., and Geo. W. Voer, the originator of the Mastodon Everbearing strawberry, gives to F. C. Stahelin and Son the exclusive right to his entire stock now growing and to sell his original and genuine strain of the Mastodon Everbearing strawberry plant as developed and improved by him.

Through F. C. Stahelin and Son, and then only, can Mastodon plants be bought as taken from my fields and as developed by me. Also that the Mastodon plants now growing on the farms of F. C. Stahelin & Son are genuine as they were planted from stock taken from me under my contract as made with them in 1923.

Signed *G. W. Voer*

F. C. Stahelin & Son

This Contract on the left shows you why you should buy your Mastodon from Stahelin's. If it were possible for you to buy two articles of the same kind at the same price, one made by the original manufacturer, or one made by an imitator, which would you buy? The original article, of course. By this Contract you are able to buy from Stahelin, Mastodon plants direct from the originator, which were raised, planted and grown under the personal supervision of Mr. George W. Voer, originator of the Mastodon, and no one else can offer you plants like these.

*Unless You Get the GENUINE
You are Not Getting All
Your Money Can Buy*

A hammer is a hammer, an axe is an axe, but there are good axes and good hammers, also there are poor ones, both are axes and hammers, but the quality isn't in the poor article. Now this is not visible, but it is there just the same. This same reasoning applies to Stahelin's Mastodon. We offer you the genuine thoroughbred Mastodon, a Mastodon plant that has quality, bred to a high point of perfection by the originator and not to be compared with ordinary Mastodon plants. We have made our price right and you should order your Mastodon now.



The
Genuine
Mastodon.

**STAHELIN'S
GENUINE**

MASTODON

IS SURE TO BE A GREAT MONEY MAKER FOR YOU!

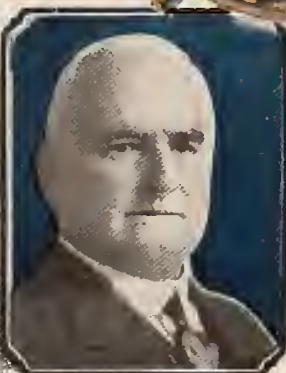
We show you at the right a color photo of a quart of MASTODON berries. You people who have been used to raising the common everbearing strawberries have no idea as to the immense size and the fine flavor of the original strain of Mastodon. They are big juicy fellows that will ship well and are so attractive that wherever we have shown them on exhibit the people would hardly believe that they were everbearing strawberries. Most people have been educated to the belief that everbearing strawberries are undersized. However, as a result of years of patient work and plant selection we know that we have in MASTODON a berry which we have been after for 20 years and that another variety like it may not be found in a lifetime.

A Conservative Estimate of What You Can Do With It

We have been asked so many times what it is possible to do with MASTODON. We don't know just how large a profit is possible from this wonderful berry. No one so far as we know ever has made a special effort, that is, given MASTODON extraordinary attention as to fertilizer, etc.; so as to see just what an extraordinary crop they would produce in the fall. We know of growers that have made at the rate of \$1,200.00 to \$1,600.00 per acre on them and some small plots that made a bigger return. However, we feel safe in saying that the ordinary farmer who has any market at all can easily pick \$750.00 worth of berries from one acre in the fall and get a wonderful crop of berries the following spring.

Now is the Time ~~~ ~~~to Make Your Plans

Almost every home has an acre or a small plot of ground that could be planted to MASTODON. Our customers who paid \$20.00 for 100 plants of Mastodon three years ago report to us that it was the best investment they have ever made both from the standpoint of pleasure and the money which it was possible for them to make by getting started with this variety early. This same condition exists today. It will be at least ten years before this variety gets to be as well known as some of the common sorts. Think what big money can be made during this time and profit by placing your order for **GENUINE MASTODON NOW.**



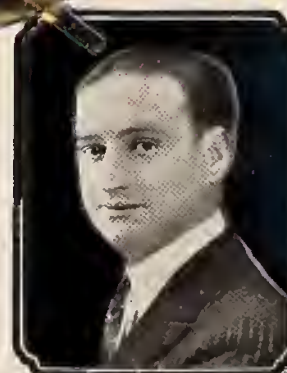
F. C. Stahelin.



Backed by STAHELIN

We have not overdrawn or exaggerated any of the possibilities that this berry can be put to. We predict that in but a few years there will be no other everbearing raised to offer to the American public. In conclusion we say to you that the plants we ship are absolutely the best that can be grown. No outsiders, no middlemen, nobody else handles these plants but you and us. We grow them under our own supervision and dig and pack them with the best of florist mass. You get them pure and fresh from our own farms and by our expert method of packing they will reach you in good growing condition.

You are absolutely certain to get what you want and we feel sure that you will be satisfied with any purchase that you may make.



Carl A. Stahelin.

As I sit here writing this, Nov. 11, it is snowing hard. I have just come back from looking over our Mastodon. They are still full of green berries and a few ripe ones. These green berries will not get ripe, but it shows you the wonderful productiveness of the variety, its hardiness and why MASTODON is such a money maker.

Our Recommendation

You who have never seen Mastodon have no idea as to what it will do. The plants are generally big, having large, heavy fruit stems which bear such a crop that we hesitate to tell you about it. All we ask of you is to give them good soil, clean cultivation and some barnyard manure. Under these conditions the crop from our original strain of Mastodon will be such that you will have no difficulty in seeing why the whole berry world has gone wild over this variety. If you who are interested ever come and see us, as Mastodon is fruiting during the early Fall months, we know you would be well repaid for your trip.

MASTODON Carries Our Regular Guarantee

We want every customer to feel you know that STAHELIN'S ORIGINAL STRAIN OF MASTODON comes to you fully guaranteed in every way. We know that a guarantee with this berry is not needed but so sure are we that Mastodon is head over heels above any other everbearers offered that we do this. They will make more plants than the ordinary everbearer, are two to three times as large and will bring more money on the market because of their better shipping qualities. Dealers, Growers, Nurserymen from all over the United States are coming to us for plants as they know we have the original strain and will absolutely guarantee them. Protect yourself by getting the "Original Genuine" strain of MASTODON.

ORDER NOW

That old saying, "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME," sure applies to STAHELIN'S MASTODON. We expect to furnish 50,000 customers with Mastodon plants this year and are now, Nov. 11, returning all orders for Mastodon that call for more than 20,000 plants. We want to divide them up with all our patrons and not just a few.

We ask all of you to place your order NOW and be sure of getting yours.



CHAMPION

Produces Big Crops of Large,
Sweet Berries Throughout a
Long Bearing Season.

Stahelin's Prize Everbearing Strawberry Garden

Stahelin's Prize Garden is a special offer made to win new friends and to introduce Mastodon to our old customers. Mastodon is the wonder everbearing Strawberry of today and will make thousands of dollars for the fruit growers. The Champion is also one of the best everbearers and is very highly regarded for its exceptionally fine flavor. In this garden collection we give you 100 Mastodon and 100 Champion for the price of \$5.00. This gives you 200 everbearing plants at a cost less than some firms are asking for the Mastodon alone. We guarantee these plants if set in the Spring to produce a full crop of fruit the same Summer and Fall. The plants if good care is given them should produce enough berries to keep the ordinary family in fresh fruit during the late Summer months and Fall.

Special Garden Price
100 MASTODON
100 CHAMPION \$5.00

No Discount for Cash on Collection Offers



CHAMPION

A Profitable Everbearer

Fine Flavored Strawberries All Summer and Fall

This variety of everbearing Strawberries was first introduced to the public about six years ago. It is a variety greatly resembling the old Progressive, only that it is larger and will bear a bigger crop of fruit. The foliage is very similar to Progressive, but the plant is more upright in nature. Our supply of Champion came direct from the introducer and we know that they are 100% true to name.



Mr. A. F. Byers of Detroit, Mich., and his garden patch of everbearing, from which he made \$60.00.

during the late Summer or Fall months and pick enough fresh Strawberries for yourself, your family or your friends. We honestly think that a few dollars spent for everbearing Strawberries will give you more real pleasure than any other money that you have ever spent.

If you failed to set a patch of Strawberries a year ago, you do not have to wait another year before you can have Strawberries in your garden or field. Plant some Champion this Spring, they will commence to bear in about four weeks, if you get them in the ground and you will have your hands full, if you can keep all the berries picked off. Every family should plant from 200 to 500 Champion plants; they will produce this Fall and late Summer months all the berries the ordinary family can use. If you will give them a little extra attention, probably you would have some for market.

Stahelin's Everbearers Guaranteed to Bear

We will absolutely guarantee Champion to bear you a crop of fruit this Fall and if you are not entirely satisfied to send you other plants in place of them. Think what a fine thing it is to have a garden patch, which you can run to at any time

Progressive Everbearing Strawberries

A Few Things You Should Know About Our Progressive Everbearing Strawberries

The Progressive Everbearing Strawberries grown by us are all true to name. Each plant will bear for you in just a few weeks. They will not only bear right off but will bear great crops of delicious berries of the richest crimson color, which reaches to the heart of the berry. When eaten from the field or on the table in its fresh state, it positively is one of the best. When you come to put them up for Winter in any form you desire you have a product that is exclusively Progressive. You may travel the world over and you cannot find its equal, and it retains its color for years when canned. Most other berries are a little pale in color when they have been in cans or jars for more than one season. The Progressive we ship you are a type so perfect that nothing but praise can be given them. What we aim to sell you is the great big whole-souled Progressive.

**If you want big berries late in
the season plant Brico.**



Houghton, Mich.
May 14, 1926.

Dear Sir:

Plants I bought of you three years ago are wonderful. The berries are the most delicious. I had 156 quarts of berries. I've told many of my friends and they have sent for some from you.
Roger Most.

Stahelin's Raspberries Are Easy to Grow - Big Producers

Every Stahelin Raspberry Plant Carries a Certificate of Double Inspection—Free from Disease

Almost every fruit grower or farmer knows what big money there is to be made in growing Raspberries. The only draw-back to the making of this money has been that in the past there has been a scarcity of disease-free stock, with which to get started. Some of the big Raspberry states like Ohio and New York were almost compelled by these diseases to go out of the Raspberry growing business.

Berrien County, Michigan, Raspberry Plants are 100 Per Cent Free of Disease

Now comes what we started out to tell you. About five years ago, the outside states came to the conclusion that Michigan was about the only section that could supply the growers with planting stock which was free from disease, and could furnish that which would do well and thrive in sections where the growing of Raspberry plants has been almost abandoned. To improve these plants and to better them in every way, our growing Raspberry plants are constantly under the eye of the State. This is done by placing men with us who are specialists in this line and have spent a major part of their lifetime in the betterment of Raspberry growing. During the growing season these men are constantly on the job and we will say "they do their work well." Should any plants on our farm not look satisfactory, out they come. Besides these State men placed here for this inspection work, we have two experts of our own, men who have been with us for years and know almost all there is to successful plant culture. They are also on the lookout and in this manner we protect you, the buyer, by seeing that every plant that leaves our farm and packing shed is healthy and 100% free of disease. Possibly to the ordinary grower it may not mean much, but to the careful buyers, the man who wants his patch of berries to grow and keep bearing year after year, it should mean a great deal. Raspberry plants that show only a small percentage of disease when first planted will in a very short time infect your entire patch and all your money spent for plants, for labor in putting them out, hoeing and cultivation to bring them into a state of bearing is gone and what have you to show for it? Only a few stunted, disease-infested plants and not even the interest on your money in sight.



Disease-free plants such as these cost no more but produce five times as much as ordinary stock.

Stahelin's Plants Guaranteed Absolutely Healthy and Perfect in Every Way

Findlay, Ohio.
April 26, 1926.

Dear Sir:

I received my order of trees and plants and was well pleased with their condition. They were fine.

Thanking you for your prompt order.

Yours sincerely,
W. S. Elsea.

That is why we caution you in regard to the buying of your Raspberry plants. Why take any chances, when we absolutely guarantee you, the buyer, that all of our stock is right. We know you cannot buy better and that we will save you at least 20 per cent of the original cost of your plants by selling them to you direct. There is no profit to be paid to any middleman or agent, which is added to your cost of plants. This saving is just a part of Stahelin's service and we pass it on to you.

See Bottom of Page 38-How to Save an Additional 1 Per Cent on Your Order.

Stahelin's
Wonderful
Raspberries
BRIDGMAN, BERRIEN CO.
MICHIGAN.

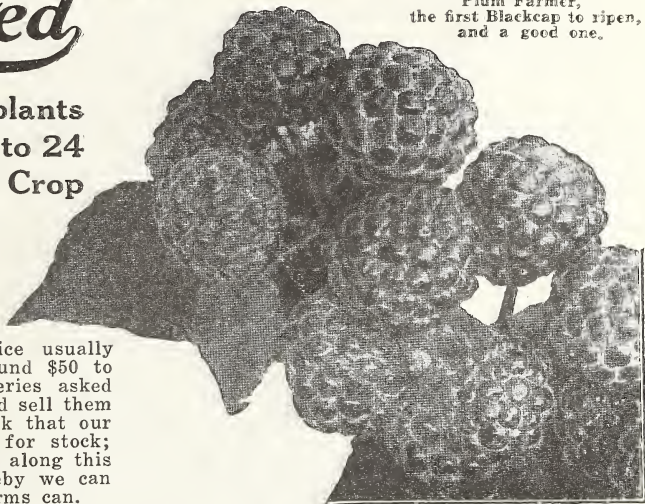
Sure Moneymakers

Fine Flavored

Plum Farmer,
the first Blackcap to ripen,
and a good one.

Black Raspberry Transplants Will Save You From 12 to 24 Months in Getting a Full Crop

We have been raising black raspberries for over forty years and selling them to our customers all over the United States. During this time we have had people write us nice friendly letters asking why we did not handle transplanted raspberry plants. Our main reason was that the price usually wanted for these plants was up around \$50 to \$60 per thousand and if other nurseries asked this price we did not see how we could sell them much cheaper. We also did not think that our customers wanted to pay this price for stock; however, we did a little experimenting along this line and have hit upon a plan whereby we can raise transplants cheaper than most firms can.



To the Man Who Intends to Plant a Commercial or a Garden Plot of Raspberries

We earnestly urge you to plant transplants, as we believe it will be to your interest to do so. Now the ordinary black raspberry plant, as sold, is a tip plant; that is, a one year old plant made by tipping the vines. These plants are good, but it takes three years for them to come into complete bearing and it is not usually possible to get a perfect stand of plants.

The transplants which we offer are these same tipped plants set out in a Nursery row, heavily manured and well taken care of. At the end of their growing season in the fall they usually are about 75% full developed, matured plants. These are taken up carefully by our power digger, tied in bunches and sent to our customers as transplanted raspberry plants. They will bear you a full crop of fruit the first year after planting, saving you a lot of time over the tipped plants and at all times giving you a perfect stand. We have never seen any one yet that could get a 100% stand from one year old tipped plants, so for this reason we urge any one who is interested in the planting of black raspberries to try transplants, as we know it will be a profitable investment for you. Our prices are lower than any others that we have ever seen for this line of stock and we know that they will come to you and be an entirely satisfactory proposition. We offer Cumberland and Plum Farmer varieties in transplants. For prices see page 38.

Plum Farmer—The Best Early Blackcap

A good cropper of nice large berries. Ripens very early, and lengthens the season of shipping. Plants are exceptionally healthy and strong. Berries are of splendid flavor and color. Many growers are planting the Plum Farmer, and are highly pleased with it. For prices see page 38.

Kansas—A Very Popular Variety

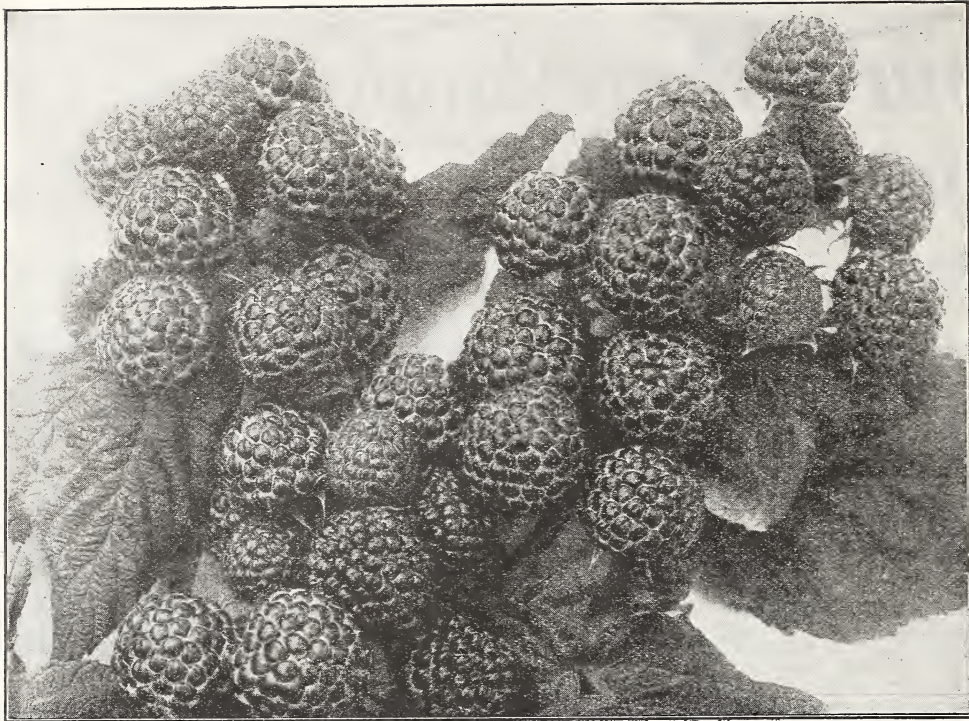
One of the best and most widely known early varieties. In some sections it is planted more extensively than any other sort. The canes are strong and healthy and produce large crops of fruit. Berries are jet black, of good size, firm, sweet, and of best quality.

Kansas has been a general favorite for several years and we have sold thousands of plants from which we hear excellent results. No matter whether you grow for your own table or for market, Kansas should be in your garden. For prices see page 38.

**Don't Overlook Our Prize Garden, Page 22—100
Mastodon and 100 Champion for
Only \$5.00**

Rosalie, Wash.
April 20, 1926.
Gentlemen:
Received plants
and berry bushes.
They arrived in
first class shape
and the best
plants I have ever
seen.
Yours very truly,
C. A. Perin.





Cumberland—Has made more money for the growers than any other kind.

CUMBERLAND *The Best All Around Black Raspberry*

The most popular blackcap at the present time, because of its great size, firmness and productiveness. The fruit is the largest of the Raspberry family, often measuring seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, and is of such handsome appearance that it is sure to bring the top of the market. Cumberland is very hardy and will stand many degrees below zero without injury. We have fruited all of the other varieties, but they all fall away behind the Cumberland. If you trim them back so the stalk will not be more than 2½ feet high and cut the laterals off to six inches in length, you will get fruit that will surprise you and give you the largest picking season of any Black Raspberry. Cumberland sets so many berries that it is absolutely necessary to give it a severe trimming. It could not hold up the immense load if they should all attain their proper size. See the illustration showing the perfection which the Cumberland attains. The illustration on this page is made from a photograph of our own plants.

Berries jet black, very large, prolific, fine quality. Cumberland plants are hardy everywhere; we ship them safely to every section of the country. See page 38 for prices.

Winfield—The King of Blackcaps

In hardiness and productiveness it is unexcelled by any other sort that we know of. The fruiting season is a few days ahead of Cumberland, making it an ideal one to use in connection with this sort, thus extending your picking season over a longer period. The fruit is of enormous size, the plant producing five to seven great clusters on each cane, and averaging from four to six quarts per bush.

The canes are thrifty, and practically immune from all diseases. The bush is stocky and robust, easily supporting the heavy loads of fruit which it will bear.

We are one of the few offering Winfield, and owing to the scarcity of plants, and wishing as many as possible to try them, we are limiting each order to 1000 plants, which is all we can supply to any one party. For prices see page 38.

**Don't Fail to Include Brico in Your Order—The Greatest New Berry Ever
Offered**





Early King Red Raspberries.

Early King—The Biggest Early Red Raspberry

When we say early for Early King we mean early. This berry has for the past six or seven years been the biggest money maker of any of the red raspberries. It comes into bearing soon and its picking season is so much earlier than the other varieties that it always commands or brings top market prices. The berries will commence to ripen about ten days ahead of Cuthbert or Latham and by the time these late sorts begin to ripen, the King is practically done. This is one reason why Early King has been so popular and such a money maker. Another reason is its good size, it being the largest early red raspberry that we have ever seen. Early King is very hardy, standing the most severe Winter weather without much signs of winter-killing and the excellent bright red color of the fruit makes it in great demand on all markets. For prices see page 38.

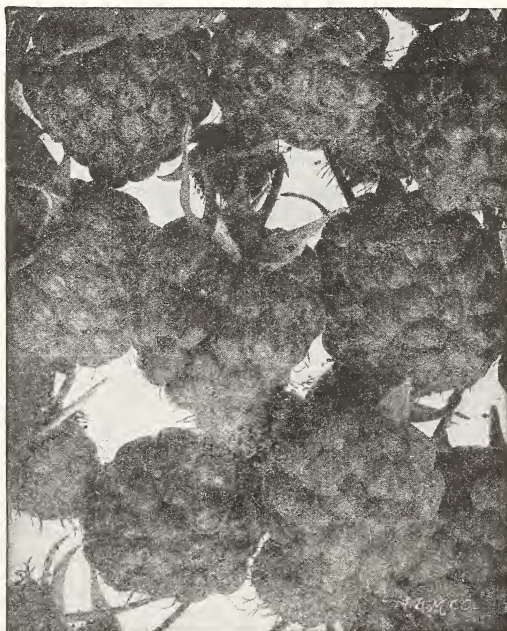
Dear Sir: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Received my order in fine condition. Am very proud
of your strawberry plants as they are coming out nicely.
Very truly yours,
O. L.

Latham

A New Sensation in the Red Raspberry Field

This variety is sometimes called, "Redpath or Minnewaska No. 4." This new variety was first introduced from Minnesota and is the result of years of study and breeding by the Minnesota Experimental Station. It is a splendid, strong growing variety, which produces immense quantities of fruit, which ships very splendidly. It is a very easy berry to pick, shows up splendidly and because of its immense size, it readily commands highest prices. The variety ripens about the same time as Cuthbert, but is much larger in size, color is very good and the qualities of the best. This berry is extremely popular in Minnesota and Canada, where its hardiness makes it very satisfactory, as it absolutely will not winter-kill in any section. Latham is not a great multiplier, so that a cheap price cannot ever be made on Latham plants, however, so good is this new variety that we predict in a course of a few years that Latham will be planted 100 per cent.

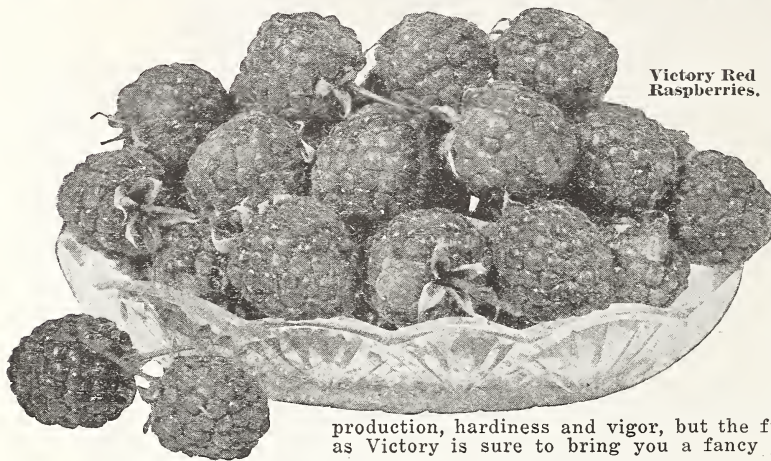
For prices see page 38.



Latham—A New Variety—The Best Late Sort.

VICTORY Red Raspberry

Ships Perfectly, Brings Top-Notch Prices



Victory Red Raspberries.

In productiveness and size of berry, Victory is one of the best Red Raspberries. It is a seedling of the Cuthbert, and resembles that fine variety closely. Victory has produced regularly, for several seasons, nearly twice as much fruit as Cuthbert, bush for bush, and acre for acre, growing in the same field under exactly the same conditions. Victory is not an untried variety, as the originator has fruited it for the past eleven years. It has been tested with nearly every known variety of Red Raspberry and is far better than any of them, not only in

production, hardiness and vigor, but the fruit is larger. A berry such as Victory is sure to bring you a fancy price.

Our Victory Plants are Extremely Hardy

The plants make a wonderful growth, and their heavy root system enables them to go through a hot, dry Summer and still produce a great crop of fruit. They will stand a temperature of thirty degrees below zero. For prices see page 38.

Cuthbert—A Grand Old Variety

A late market sort. Strong grower, very productive, fruit firm, large size and of best quality; season medium to late; hardy, yielding immense crops. A general favorite and the one berry that canneries demand for commercial canning. For prices see page 38.

St. Regis Everbearing Red Raspberry

One of the most valuable of all the late introductions in the line of Red Raspberries; the habit of growth is a bushy nature; will produce berries the first year in the Fall, and a full crop the following Spring and again in the Fall.

St. Regis resembles the Early King; its fruit is similar to that variety in quality, flavor and appearance. In September, long after Raspberries are out of season, St. Regis will bear a full crop of fruit, which commonly sells for seven to eight dollars for a 24-pint crate. If you have a market at hand where you can dispose of the fruit, you will find St. Regis a very profitable investment when grown on a commercial scale. If you have not the time or the ground to grow St. Regis for market, be sure to plant at least a few bushes in the garden and keep your table supplied with all you can use. For prices see page 38.

IT IS EASY TO SUCCEED WITH STAHELIN'S PLANTS

Just one hour a day for a short time, diligently applied to berry culture will make a great change in your bank account and bring to you a new world of pleasure.

Chatfield, Minn.
May 17, 1926.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for the large package of fine dewberry bushes, which arrived in due time in good condition. They are certainly fine.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. A. Crosby.

Stahelin's
Strawberries
BRIDGMAN-BERRIEN CO.
MICHIGAN

Plant Our Dewberries for Paying Crops



Picking Lucretia. This shows the best way to handle them—on wires.

Lucretia—The Best Dewberry

The only real good Dewberry on the market which is good for all purposes, being very productive, of extra large size, earlier than any of the rest, will grow and thrive on very light soil and live for many years. If you live in a locality where your thermometer registers seven degrees below zero, you can easily prevent the vines from winter-killing by laying them down on the ground and covering them with straw, which can be held in place with just a few shovelfuls of earth. Then in the Spring they can be taken up and tied to wires which are fastened just like a grape trellis, but not as high, something like three feet high is about right. Dewberries make a good addition to your blackberry list, you will like them as well or better for all uses than the common run of blackberries, and, ripening early, you get the advantage of higher prices; as the berry is much larger, you can pick a crate quicker. They are practically free from all diseases. Our plants are fine and Michigan grown. Add to your income by planting Dewberries. For prices see page 38.

We Have Over 50,000 Customers; Here's a Few of Their Letters.

Note that these letters are not from nearby states, but from customers situated hundreds of miles from us. This shows you that our packing is right and that our shipments will travel thousands of miles safely.

Dear Sir:

Kenton, Ohio, May 6, 1926.

Received the strawberry plants a week ago and want to thank you for prompt delivery and wish to state that was well pleased with plants and nicest ones I ever bought. Have plants all set out and are looking fine. Expect to patronize you in the future.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hevner.

Viola, Idaho, April 23, 1926.

Dear Sir:

I must write you about the plants you sent. They came so quick. I had them here from the express office and nearly all set out before I got the card you had sent them. I know it is a long ways but they were in elegant shape. THANK YOU.

Yours respectfully,

L. A. Buswell.

Comanche, Iowa, April 27, 1926.

Dear Sir:

Received my Early King raspberries this A. M. Will say I am more than pleased with them, they are fine looking plants. Hope the berries will please me as well. Again thanking you for such fine plants, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Chas. Wilson.

Birchwood White Bear,

Minn., May 20, 1926.

Dear Sir:

Please forgive my failure to acknowledge receipt of plants of some days ago, to replace those of last year's order, which I fully appreciate and when I shall require more plants, I shall surely remember you.

The strawberry plants sent are doing fine. Again thanking you for this commendable attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Wellgast.

Ft. Wayne, Ind.,

June 2, 1926.

Dear Sir:

Received the Champion plants which you replaced. They were in good condition and I feel if they do not grow the fault will be mine. I thank you very much for your promptness in this matter.

Very truly yours,
J. S. Porter.

London, Ohio.

May 15, 1926.

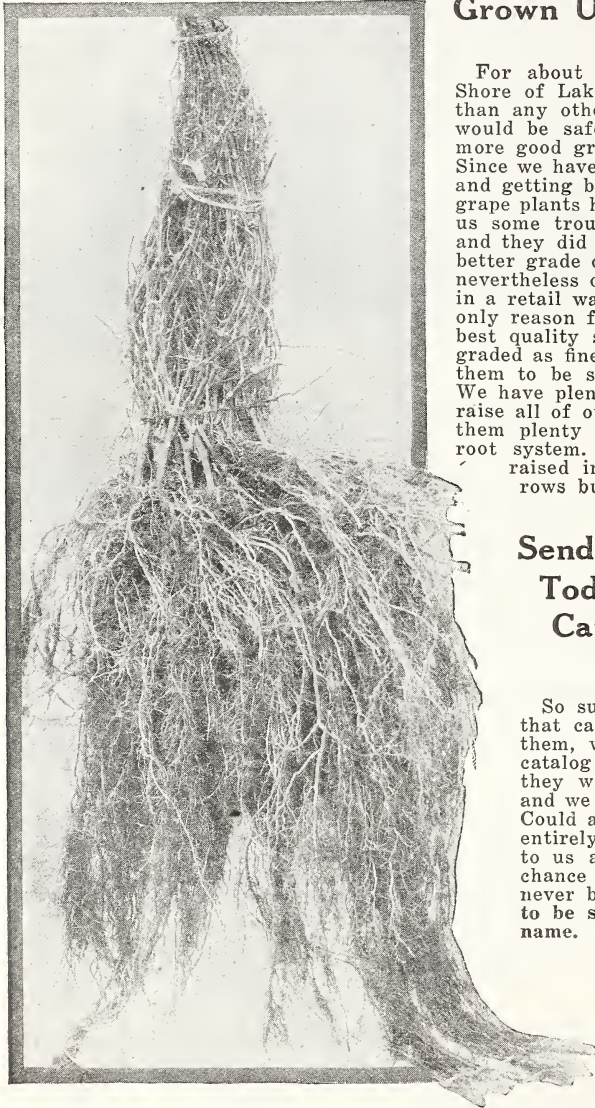
Dear Sirs:

Your new shipment of strawberry plants on order 15406 just received today, and are all in good condition.

Thanking you for your favor and promptness in this shipment. Sincerely yours,
William Casey.



Plant Stahelin's True-to-Name Grapes for Profitable Crops



A bunch of our Concord 1-yr. XXX. Ever see any better plants? And what a low price we have on them.

stalk, and these trellised on the wire so they nearly meet the laterals reaching from the next vine, making it one continuous line, one on each wire; no side shoots of any kind.

Grown Under Ideal Conditions Means Strong Plants

For about the past seven years this section, Eastern Shore of Lake Michigan has produced more grape plants than any other section of the United States. In fact we would be safe in saying that this section here produces more good grape plants than all other sections combined. Since we have been raising grape plants in large quantities and getting big production on a cheap scale, our prices on grape plants have been gradually lowered. This has caused us some trouble with outside nurseries located elsewhere and they did not like the idea that Stahelin was selling a better grade of plants than they did and at a lower price, nevertheless our price continued downward until our sales in a retail way ran over one-half million plants. Now the only reason for this is that we are giving the people the best quality stock for their money. Our grape vines are graded as fine as they can be and we absolutely guarantee them to be satisfactory or your money will be refunded. We have plenty of moisture here for good growth and we raise all of our grape vines in four foot rows. This gives them plenty of room to spread out and develop a great root system. Contrast this with the majority of plants raised in other sections where they are planted in rows but 24 inches apart.

Send Stahelin Your Grape Order Today--We Book Them for 1-2 Catalog Price, and Ship Them C. O. D. for Balance

So sure are we that our grape plants are the best that can be grown that we will book any order for them, which calls for over 500 plants at one-half catalog price. When the time comes for delivery they will be sent to you C. O. D. for the balance and we will allow inspection before you accept them. Could anything be more fair? If the plants are not entirely to your satisfaction they can be returned to us and we will refund your money. Give us a chance on your grape order and we know you will never buy them elsewhere. Every plant guaranteed to be satisfactory, 100 percent healthy and true to name.

Grapes Are Easy to Grow Good for a Lifetime

The demand for Grapes is getting better every year. Should be planted 9 by 10 feet, requiring about 484 vines per acre. Grapes are very tempting fruit, and can be grown in any locality. Should receive regular trimming, cutting off all the new growth but four laterals, two each side of the main

Gentlemen:
A few lines about my Cooper and Premier Strawberries. I wish you could come here to see them. I don't believe that you ever saw any better plants. I am growing them the hill system way and I want to thank you.
Yours truly,
L. H. K.

Royal Oak, Mich.

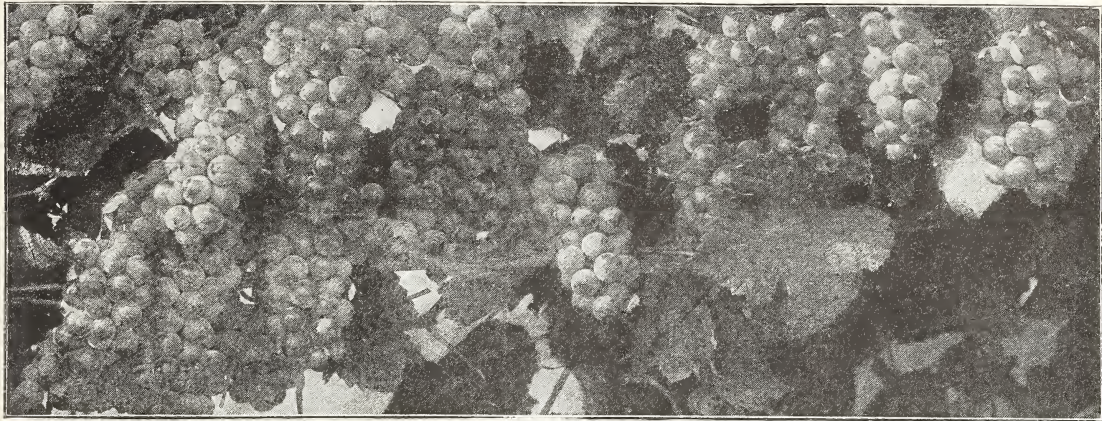
Dear Sir:

Your shipment of plants arrived in the best possible condition.

The Mastodon were the best plants I ever saw.

Sincerely yours,
L. D. H.

Colorado Springs, Colo.



Concord.

Concord—The Best Grape Grown

A large blue-black Grape, ripens in the northern states about the middle of September. A vigorous grower, the standard of productiveness and hardiness all over the country. We advise setting Concord for main crop. They are an excellent Grape and will please you. They will outbear any other variety, and when ripe are of the best flavor; stand shipping to long distances, and many carloads from here go to Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, and other states.

The Concord Grape is the most popular Grape grown today. Succeeds everywhere. Is the hardest and most prolific of bearers; bunches are compact and extra large. The berries are large, round, almost black with a beautiful blue bloom; juicy and very sweet. Nine-tenths of all commercial plantings are of Concord.

Concord Grapes will grow anywhere, rock, sand, clay, any soil that is not too wet. Anywhere any tree will grow, a Grape will grow and thrive and in a few years will be in full bearing and will live and thrive for the ordinary man's lifetime. We predict that the acreage can be trebled and still the demand will exceed the supply. You can grow any hoed crop among your Grape settings the first year.

We have an immense stock and can supply both one- and two-year plants for commercial planting. Our price is right for we are growers and not jobbers and can furnish the best for the least money.

Three-Year-Old Concord Grape Vines

We are the first firm that saw the necessity of growing a three-year-old Grapevine. This vine was grown and taken care of for those that wanted quick results. The demand has increased to such an extent that we have made them one of our specialties. Can furnish Concords only, as that seems to be the most popular Grape on account of its many fine qualities.

Prices, single plants, 50c; dozen, \$5.00. 5c each extra for parcel post.

Prices of all varieties of Grapes will be found on page 38.

Moore's Early

(Black.) The earliest good, sweet Grape grown. Berries and clusters very large, of jet black color. Will sell in any market. A splendid Grape for table use. Succeeds well in most localities. Does not winter-kill and needs no special protection.

Worden

(Black.) A fine grower, with large, healthy foliage. Ripens with Moore's Early. Bunches large, compact and very glossy. Sweet.

Niagara

(White.) The most popular white Grape in existence. Fruit large and very productive; a good grower; ripening same season as Concord; equally good.

Champion

(Black.) Very early. Bears largest crops of any Grape known. Especially desirable for markets using early Grapes.

Delaware

(Red.) A very delicious little red table Grape. Very highly prized because of its fine flavor. Hardy and productive.

Lucile

(Red.) Berries large, very thick skinned. Sweet and aromatic. Season same as Concord, keeping much longer.

Salem

(Red.) A splendid Grape with clusters often weighing one pound or more. Greatly resembles the California Grape. Clusters firm and compact; a most splendid table Grape. Vines are very healthy and hardy, the fruit ripening about one week ahead of the Concord.

Stahelin's Money-Back Guarantee

F. C. Stahelin & Son, Proprietors of the Bridgman Nursery Co., guarantee satisfaction with every plant and tree which they ship. Due to our perfect method of packing, we guarantee every plant to reach the buyer in perfect growing condition and to live and grow if given proper attention. Also that they are true to name, free from disease and first class in every way. Any stock that does not live up to the above will be replaced at one-half the purchase price, provided the purchaser gives us a signed statement of the loss not later than thirty days after date of shipment. In no case will we be liable for more than the original purchase price.



Acres of the Finest Trees that can be Grown, All Budded from Bearing Orchards.

Northern Grown Trees Are Better Horticulturists All Acknowledge This

In offering you our northern grown fruit trees we have endeavored to list only the finest and best varieties and those that are suited to all conditions throughout the United States. We take great pride in the fact that we are today producing a fruit tree that is comparable to our strawberry and other plants which are acknowledged the best of their kind.

Our trees are propagated from bearing orchards that we personally know, and we fully guarantee every tree shipped by us to be just as represented. This should mean a lot to the careful buyer, as stock which is not true to name is a loss to the planter.

Stahelin's Trees Graded 100 Per Cent Perfect

Our trees are graded very closely and the purchaser of any trees from us will be more than satisfied, for we have made proper grading a lifetime study and any stock shipped you will be just as described.

Our Packing Insures You Perfect Stock

We are personally in contact with the growing and packing of all our plants and trees, and we know our service along this line cannot be appreciated until you have placed a trial order with us for our hardy northern grown stock. They are strictly up to grade, nice straight, heavily rooted trees, true to name, and fully guaranteed, for every customer must be fully satisfied before we are. When your order is placed with us we want you to know that it will be filled and shipped just as though you were coming to us personally. On this basis we solicit your orders, knowing we can give you one hundred cents worth of trees for a dollar, and that the transaction will be mutually beneficial to both of us.

Practically all of our trees are too big for Parcel Post shipment. We suggest Express for all orders under 200 trees. Large orders can be shipped by Freight safely.

STAHELIN'S TREE BARGAINS

So well did these bargains take last season that we are offering them again. We are giving you all the best varieties possible and it is a wonderful opportunity to buy your trees at a saving.

Collection "A"

Catalog price, \$6.00. Fifteen trees of the very best quality, 4 to 5 ft. in height, sound and healthy, as follows:

- 2 Yellow Transparent
- 2 Stayman Winesap
- 1 Red Astrachan
- 5 Delicious
- 5 McIntosh

Fifteen trees of finest quality for **\$4.50**
only
(If wanted by parcel post, add 50c to cover charges.)

Collection "B"

Catalog price, \$10.20. A wonderful collection of trees suitable for any home in any section. Fifteen of our biggest trees, branched and well rooted. Too large for parcel post delivery.

- 3 Bartlett Pears
- 3 Delicious Apples
- 3 Elberta Peaches
- 3 German Prune-Plums
- 3 Large Montmorency Cherries

Fifteen trees, big size,
for only **\$8.70**

Order by Collection Number

Apples

PRICES OF ALL VARIETIES

	Each	10	100
5 to 7 ft. trees.....	\$0.50	\$4.50	\$39.50
4 to 5 ft. trees.....	.40	3.50	29.50

If more than one variety is wanted in lots of one each they must be taken at the single price. We cannot allow a collection of 10 different sorts at the 10 price. See collection offers.

Summer Apples

DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG. A very popular old-time favorite. Nearly round, streaked red and yellow. Juicy and tender. A vigorous grower.

RED ASTRACHAN. The earliest and best red Apple. Fruit of good size, dark red. Vigorous, hardy and productive.

YELLOW TRANSPARENT. Especially adapted to cold climates. An excellent eating and shipping Apple. One of the first to ripen.

Fall Apples

WEALTHY. The most dependable and widely planted Fall Apple. Bright red, striped. Medium to large in size. Hardy and a free grower.

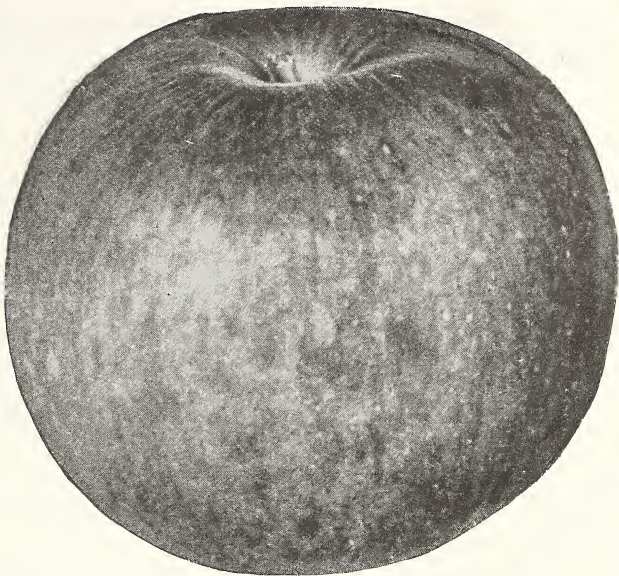
MAIDEN BLUSH. A medium to large pinkish Apple. Very firm, white flesh. Acid flavor; vigorous and productive.

Winter Apples

STAYMAN WINESAP. It is now attracting attention everywhere as a profitable market variety. It has large size, dull red color, great productiveness and best quality. The tree is a vigorous grower and like its parent, is irregular and drooping in habit, and adapts itself readily to different soils and situations. Season November to February.

BALDWIN. More Baldwins are grown in northern states than all other Apples. Bright red, medium to large size. Flesh firm. Finest quality.

GRIMES GOLDEN. Large; golden yellow skin, sprinkled with gray dots; flesh crisp, mild, tender, juicy and very delicious; tree hardy, vigorous and productive.

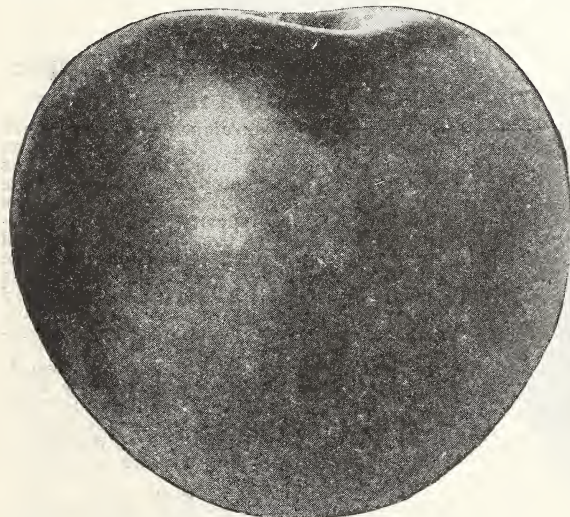


Wealthy Apple.

DELICIOUS (Genuine). A remarkable variety, rapidly taking first rank both for commercial and home orchards. No new variety has ever so quickly gained popularity in so many different Apple sections of our country. Fruit large, nearly covered with brilliant dark red, flesh finely grained, crisp and melting, juicy, with a delightful aroma; of highest quality.

ROME BEAUTY. Large, roundish, very slightly conical; mostly covered with bright red on pale yellow ground; flesh tender, not fine grained, juicy, of good quality. The large size and beautiful appearance of this Ohio Apple render it popular as an orchard variety. Will keep all Winter in ordinary cool cellar. November to April.

Don't fail to write us for special prices on large quantities of trees. We have one of the finest stocks of northern grown trees in the country and every one guaranteed.

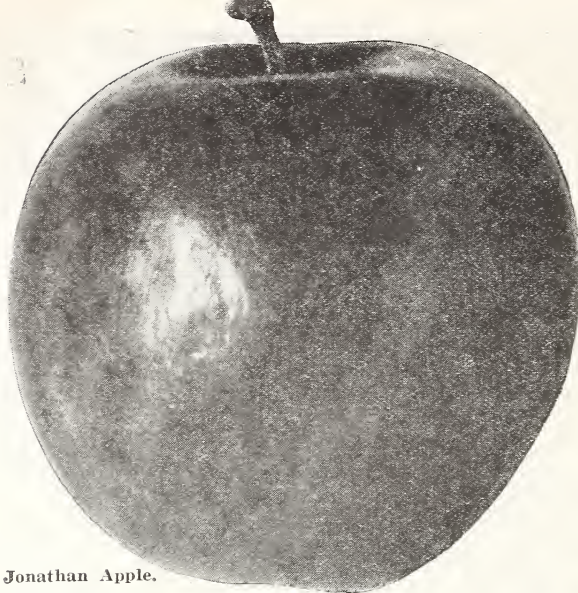


Stayman Winesap Apple.



Grimes Golden Apple.

Winter Apples—Con't.



Jonathan Apple.

SWEET BOUGH. A large, pale, greenish-yellow, sweet apple of excellent quality. Should be in every home orchard. Ripens in July.

McINTOSH. Tree vigorous with spreading head; a good annual bearer. Fruit above medium to large, highly perfumed; smooth polished yellow, almost covered with brilliant solid crimson; a beautiful fruit; flesh snow-white, crisp, very tender, sprightly, aromatic, sub-acid; very good quality.

NORTHERN SPY. Large, striped red; quality excellent; free grower and productive. December to June.

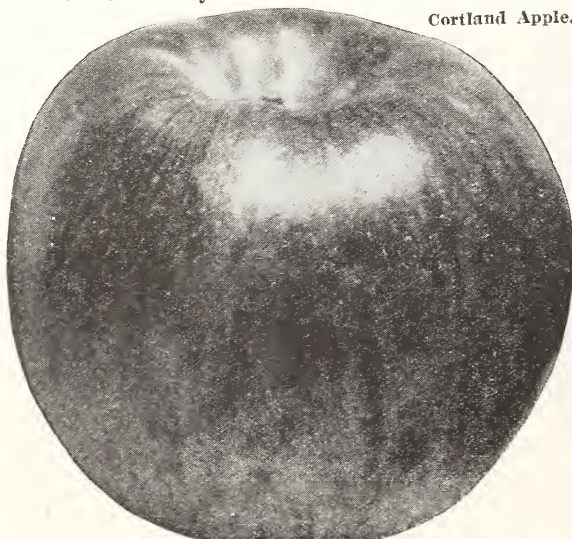
JONATHAN. Season November to January. A seedling of Spitzenburg, which it resembles in fruit, but is a much better tree. A delicious and strictly dessert Apple that always commands highest market prices. Fruit good size, roundish; surface is very smooth, almost covered with rich dark red on sunny side; flesh white, tender, juicy, spicy, aromatic.

HYSLOP (Crab). Large; deep crimson; one of the most beautiful; very popular. October to January.



McIntosh Apple.

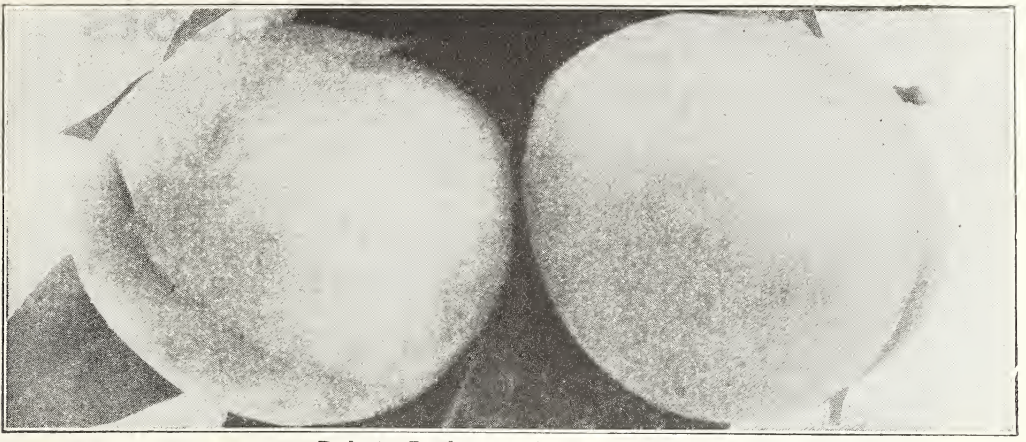
Cortland Apple.



The New Cortland Apple A remarkable new variety

Originated and developed by the New York Experimental Station. It is a cross between Ben Davis and McIntosh. Cortland has combined the good qualities of both parents and eliminated the weak ones. From the Ben Davis it has inherited the good qualities of hanging to the tree and to stand handling. From the McIntosh it has taken that fine flavor for which this variety is noted. The tree is a very fine grower and comes into bearing very early. We have seen some two year old Cortland trees producing two or three apples per tree. Professor Hedrick of the New York Experimental Station makes the following comments on the Cortland apple, "Cortland cannot be surpassed by apples grown anywhere in the world and it is a distinctive variety that will bring renown and profit to the apple industry."

	Each	10	100
5 to 7 ft.	\$1.00	\$7.50	\$60.00
3 to 5 ft. ....	.75	6.00	50.00



Rochester Peaches—The best early variety.

Peaches Will Make Big Money on the Poorest of Soils

We firmly believe that our Michigan Peach trees should be included in every order which we receive. Situated as we are on the edge of Lake Michigan, where we have extreme cold weather, our trees are subject to conditions that make them hardy and able to withstand the most severe weather. Stahelin's Peach trees are all grown on high upland soil which produces the finest quality trees and we know they will grow and produce a fine crop of fruit for you. A Peach tree comes into complete bearing in three to four years, and they can be planted in corner or nook, if desired. Only be sure and get them on high dry soil, as they will not thrive under wet conditions. Commercial plantings should be 16 to 18 feet apart.

Peach trees are scarce this year and will be high in price before the season of 1927 is over. While our stock lasts we will sell them at the following prices:

	Each	10	100	1000
5 to 6 ft. trees, extra fine quality.....	\$0.45	\$3.95	\$30.95	\$250.00
4 to 5 ft. trees, No. 1.....	.40	3.50	25.95	225.00

If 10 different trees are wanted, they must be bought at the single price, as we cannot allow the 10 rate on assorted lists.

Early Ripening Varieties

ROCHESTER. This wonderful new Peach originated near Rochester, N. Y., and is of the Crawford type. However, it precedes the Early Crawford by a week, is more prolific, hardier, larger, prettier and fully its equal in quality. Its skin is thick and tough which makes it a good shipper. Light yellow to orange, blushed with dark red. Well adapted for both home use and market. Free.

DEWEY. The earliest yellow-fleshed freestone Peach. Of good size and shape and of beautiful color. Tree is a robust grower, hardy and very productive. August 1st.

EARLY CRAWFORD. Very large, yellow and red. Best quality; very beautiful and popular; productive; free. Early September.

Midseason Varieties

CARMAN. Free. Large; resembles Elberta in shape; creamy white with deep blush; skin tough, making it a good market variety; the flesh is tender, juicy and of fine flavor; a prolific bearer.

ELBERTA. Free. The great market Peach of the Southwest; perfectly hardy in the North and is believed by many growers to be the best all-around Peach; color lemon-yellow with blush on sunny side; flesh pale yellow, tender and juicy; tree vigorous; a good shipping Peach. Early September.

CAPT. EDE. A handsome, large yellow Peach of excellent quality; hardy in bud and blossom. Early September.

J. H. HALE. Free. Fruit averages one-third to one-half larger than Elberta; ripens about five days earlier and is much superior in flavor. Color a beautiful golden yellow with deep carmine blush. Seems to do well over a wide range of territory. It is well worth planting. Should not be planted solid; Elberta should be inter-planted to get best results. September 1st.

LEMON FREE. Almost lemon shape, pointed at apex. Color a pale lemon-yellow when ripe. It is of large size, excellent quality and a valuable market sort. Flesh yellow, juicy, tender and melting, sweet to sprightly, pleasantly flavored, very good in quality. Stone semi-free to free. Season of ripening ten days to two weeks after Elberta.

Late Ripening Varieties

OLD MIXON FREE. Free. Large, roundish, slightly oval; pale yellow with a deep red cheek; flesh tender, rich and good quality; succeeds well in all localities. Late September.

SALWAY. One of the best and most regular bearers. Very large, creamy yellow with crimson cheek. Flesh deep yellow, juicy, rich and sweet. Free. Early October.

Barth, Fla., April 22, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Received the strawberry plants in good condition. I think they are all going to live.

Thank you very much for the extra plants.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Eldo Hicks.



Old Mixon Free.

Apricots

We have had such a large call for Apricots the past few years that we realize that they are doing well in almost all sections now, outside of the far North. We list only the two best varieties, as we know they are satisfactory and will give you the results desired.

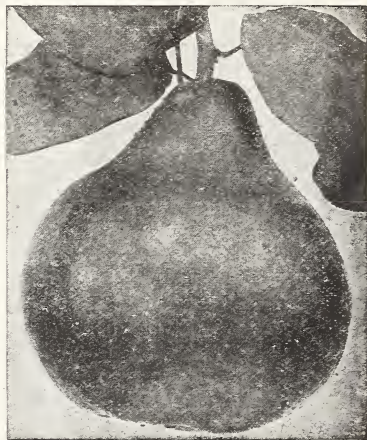
Prices, each, 85c; 10, \$7.95; 50, \$37.50.

MOORPARK. Large, roundish, oval, pale orange with a faint touch of red on cheek; yellow flesh, ripens first of August.

SUPERB. A medium-sized apricot, salmon colored, excellent flavor, flesh firm.

Quince

ORANGE. We list only this one quince as we consider it by far the best. The trees commence to bear very young and produce big crops. Fruit is excellently flavored, orange shape and of large size. Price, each, 95c; 10, \$9.00.



Orange Quince.

Plums

No Home Should be Without a Few Plum Trees

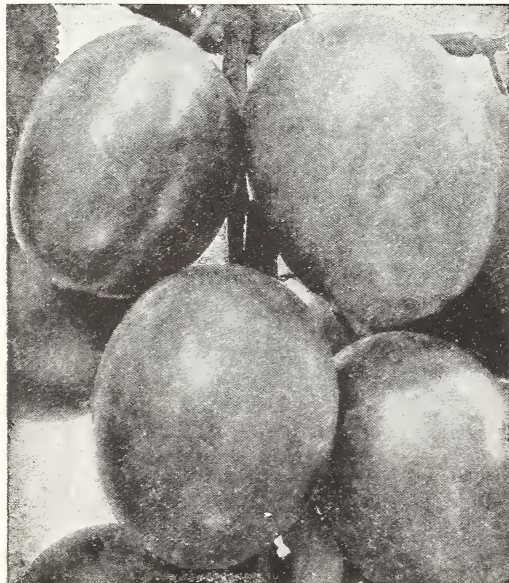
Plant sixteen feet apart each way for best results.

PRICES OF PLUMS, ALL VARIETIES

	Each	10	20
5 to 6 ft., extra nice.....	\$0.80	\$6.95	\$12.95
4 to 5 ft., No. 1.....	.60	5.50	10.50

BURBANK. A most vigorous grower and an abundant and early bearer. Fruit averages perhaps a little larger than the Abundance, and is some two weeks later; large clear cherry-red. Flesh a deep yellow, very sweet and of fine, aromatic flavor.

ABUNDANCE. One of the best known and most popular of the Japan sorts. From our experience we can recommend this variety for more extensive planting. Medium to large, oblong, amber, nearly covered with bright red and overspread with a thick bloom; flesh orange-yellow, juicy, melting and of delicious sweetness; stone small and flesh readily parts from it. Tree a strong grower and an early and profuse bearer.



German Prune—One of the best.

MONARCH. One of the most valuable of the late introductions from England. Tree robust, with dense foliage; an abundant bearer. Fruit very large, roundish oval; dark purple-blue; perfect freestone. October.

GERMAN PRUNE. The most delicious of all Plums. Extra large size, often two inches in diameter. With reasonable cultivation it is as large as a good large peach, and is hardy anywhere in the far northern states. An early and abundant bearer. It combines hardiness, immense size, delicious quality, long keeping, beautiful color, small pit; an early and prolific bearer, often producing a good crop in two years from planting.

YELLOW EGG. A very large yellow plum. Flesh firm, sweet and very juicy. Prized for culinary use. Trees large, vigorous and hardy. Ripens in late August.

GREEN GAGE. Round, greenish yellow in color. Juicy and very sweet and rich. Trees vigorous and productive. Ripens in late September.

Hansen's Hybrid Plums

HANSKA. Apricot flavor, yellow flesh, good color and very fine for eating.

SAPA. Rich purple skin and meat. Rich with juice, ripens very early.

OPATA. Fruit, purplish red. Green flesh, pleasant flavor. Should be planted with Sapa to cross-pollinize.

Cherries

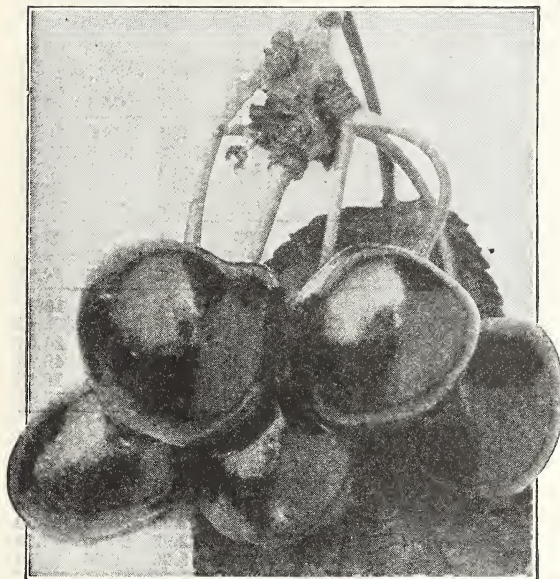
Will Succeed Anywhere If Stahelin's Hardy, Upland Trees Are Used

Cherries are one of the easiest of fruits to grow and make produce a paying crop. Big crops grow with little trouble and they do well on the very poorest of soils. Light, sandy land is especially adapted to sweet Cherries, which always command a big price. There are never enough of them on the market and we know they will pay large profits for years to come.

Sour Cherries

EARLY RICHMOND. Medium size; dark red, melting, juicy, sprightly acid flavor. This is one of the most valuable and popular of the acid Cherries, and is unsurpassed for cooking purposes. Tree a good grower, with roundish, spreading head, extremely productive. Most hardy of all varieties. Ripens through June.

MONTMORENCY. A beautiful extra large red sour Cherry. Larger and finer than Richmond, and ripens a week or ten days later. A strong grower, absolutely hardy, bears young and a sure cropper. There is a big demand for sour Cherries.



Schmidt's Bigarreau.

MAY DUKE. Large, dark red; rich, juicy and excellent. Popular and reliable. June.

PRICES OF SOUR CHERRIES

	Each	10	20
5 to 7 ft.	\$0.75	\$7.00	\$12.00
4 to 5 ft. ....	.65	6.00	11.00

Sweet Cherries

BING. Tree hardy and a strong grower, especially adapted to the East, though it came from Oregon. Fruit extra large, black, very fine and excellent for commercial purposes.

WINDSOR. New seedling originated at Windsor, Canada. Fruit large, liver colored, quite distinct; flesh remarkably firm and of fine quality. Tree hardy and very prolific. Most valuable late variety for market or family. July.

SCHMIDT'S BIGARREAU. New. Remarkably hardy and productive. Fruit of the largest size; a deep mahogany color; flesh dark, tender, juicy, with a fine, rich flavor. Stone small. Good for canning. July.

TARTARIAN (Black Tartarian). Very large; bright purplish black; juicy, very rich, excellent flavor. Tree a vigorous grower and productive. Last of June or early July.

NAPOLEON. Very large; pale yellow, with bright red cheek; very firm; juicy and sweet; vigorous grower and very productive; one of the best. First of July.

PRICES OF SWEET CHERRIES, ALL VARIETIES

	Each	10	20
5 to 7 ft., extra fancy	\$0.95	\$8.75	\$15.90
4 to 5 ft., No. 1 .....	.75	6.95	12.95

Pears—Standard Varieties

SECKEL. One of the richest and highest flavored Pears known; always in demand for desserts and luncheons and better known than any Pear of its class. The tree makes a somewhat slow but stout and erect growth. September and October.

FLEMISH BEAUTY. Medium to large, obtuse pyriform; pale yellow, covered with reddish brown on sunny side; flesh is fine grained, juicy, rich, and very good. September and October.

KIEFFER. Profitable market variety on account of its good shipping and keeping qualities; of extraordinary size and beauty. While not of the best quality, it is one of the favorite sorts for canning or preserving, and the early-bearing, heavy-cropping trees render it desirable for quantity. October and November.

BEURRE D'ANJOU. Large greenish, shaded with russet-crimson; the flesh is highly flavored, rich and vinous; very productive, either as dwarf or standard. For late Fall and very early Winter use, we have no better variety. Anjou is one of the best commercial sorts, ranking with Kieffer and Bartlett as money-makers. October to January.

SHELDON. Large, apple-shaped, green and russet. Sweet, juicy and highly perfumed. Best quality. Vigorous, hardy, productive. October.

BARTLETT. One of the best and most popular of all Pears for market and home use. It is a rich golden yellow color when ripe, often with a soft blush on sunny side. It is very large, thin skinned; flesh buttery and melting, and has a rich musky flavor. Tree a strong grower and a young and abundant bearer.

CLAPP'S FAVORITE. A large, fine Pear resembling the Bartlett, but without the musky flavor; pale lemon-yellow, with red cheek; fine texture, melting, buttery, juicy, with a rich, sweet, delicate, vinous flavor. Tree hardy and very productive; very desirable in all sections.

PRICES ALL VARIETIES

	Each	10	50
5 to 7 ft., fancy trees	\$0.75	\$6.95	\$31.95
4 to 5 ft., No. 1 .....	.65	5.95	26.95

Stahelin's 1927 Price List

STANDARD VARIETIES OF STRAWBERRIES

Varieties marked (P) are pistillate or female sorts, those marked (S) are staminate or male varieties.

GIBSON (S) WARFIELD (P) DUNLAP (S)	EATON (S) DR. BURRILL (S)	PREMIER (S) AROMA (S)	HOWARD 17 (S) PEARL (S)
25 plants.....\$0.25	25 plants.....\$0.30	25 plants.....\$0.40	25 plants.....\$0.50
50 plants......40	50 plants......45	50 plants......60	50 plants......75
75 plants......50	75 plants......65	75 plants......80	75 plants.....1.05
100 plants......75	100 plants......85	100 plants......95	100 plants.....1.25
150 plants.....1.05	150 plants.....1.20	150 plants.....1.30	200 plants.....2.00
200 plants.....1.30	200 plants.....1.55	200 plants.....1.55	300 plants.....2.75
300 plants.....1.65	300 plants.....1.95	300 plants.....2.05	400 plants.....3.45
400 plants.....1.85	400 plants.....2.20	400 plants.....2.65	500 plants.....4.00
500 plants.....2.00	500 plants.....2.50	500 plants.....2.90	1000 plants.....7.95
1000 plants.....3.95	1000 plants.....4.95	1000 plants.....5.25	

STAHELIN'S BRICO (P)	25 \$0.75	50 \$1.35	75 \$2.00	100 \$2.50	150 \$3.50	200 \$4.00	250 \$4.75	300 \$5.50	400 \$6.75	500 \$8.25	1000 \$15.00
Cooper (S)	.45	.75	1.00	1.20	1.55	1.95	2.25	2.65	3.25	3.75	6.95

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

STAHELIN'S MASTODON (S)	25 \$1.50	50 \$2.55	75 \$3.25	100 \$3.95	150 \$5.75	200 \$7.50	250 \$9.00	300 \$10.50	400 \$12.75	500 \$15.50	1000 \$30.00
Champion (S)	.60	1.05	1.30	1.75	2.55	2.75	3.35	3.65	4.45	5.75	10.50
Progressive (S)	.60	1.05	1.30	1.75	2.55	2.75	3.35	3.65	4.45	5.75	10.50

BLACK RASPBERRIES

Cumberland	25 \$1.00	50 \$1.75	75 \$2.50	100 \$3.00	150 \$4.80	200 \$6.60	250 \$8.00	300 \$9.25	400 \$17.50	500 \$9.25	1000 \$17.50
Plum Farmer	1.00	1.75	2.50	3.00	4.80	6.60	8.00	9.25	17.50		
Kansas	1.00	1.75	2.50	3.00	4.80	6.60	8.00	9.25	17.50		
Winfield	1.05	1.85	2.55	3.15	5.10	6.90	8.70	9.85	18.95		

BLACK RASPBERRY TRANSPLANTS

Cumberland	12 \$1.50	25 \$2.50	50 \$3.65	75 \$4.95	100 \$5.95	200 \$10.95	300 \$14.95
Kansas	1.50	2.50	3.65	4.95	5.95	10.95	14.95

RED RASPBERRIES

Victory	25 \$1.35	50 \$2.25	75 \$2.95	100 \$3.50	200 \$5.98	300 \$8.65	400 \$10.75	500 \$12.50	1000 \$24.50
St. Regis	1.35	2.25	2.95	3.50	5.98	8.65	10.75	12.50	24.50
Latham	2.15	3.95	5.65	6.95	13.50	17.95	22.95	26.50	49.95
Cuthbert	1.05	1.85	2.55	3.15	5.10	6.90	8.70	9.85	18.95
Early King	.90	1.68	2.25	2.85	3.95	5.50	6.95	8.25	15.95

BLACKBERRIES AND DEWBERRIES

Mersereau T-Rooted	25 \$1.00	50 \$1.85	75 \$2.65	100 \$3.00	200 \$4.95	300 \$6.95	400 \$8.90	500 \$10.50	1000 \$19.95
Eldorado T-Rooted	.90	1.68	2.25	2.85	3.95	5.50	6.95	8.50	15.95
Eldorado—Root Cutting	1.45	2.45	2.85	3.50	5.98	8.65	10.75	12.50	24.50
Eldorado—Transplants	2.15	3.95	5.65	6.95	13.50	17.95	22.95	26.50	49.50
Alfred	2.15	3.95	5.65	6.95	13.50	17.95	22.95	26.50	49.50
Lucretia (Dewberries)	1.00	1.75	2.50	3.00	4.80	6.60	8.00	9.25	17.50

ASPARAGUS

Mary Washington, 1-yr.	25 \$0.50	50 \$0.70	100 \$1.90	200 \$2.95	300 \$3.85	400 \$4.85	500 \$5.95	1000 \$10.00
Mary Washington, 2-yr.	.95	1.75	3.00	4.80	6.60	8.00	9.25	17.50

GRAPE PLANTS (400 or more at the 1000 rate)

	Each	6	12	25	50	100	200	300	1000
Concord, 1-yr. XXX	\$0.16	\$0.59	\$0.95	\$1.60	\$2.75	\$4.95	\$8.95	\$11.00	\$35.00
Concord, 1-yr., No. 1	.15	.55	.80	1.35	2.25	3.95	7.50	9.00	24.95
Concord, 1-yr., No. 2	.12	.45	.75	1.00	1.85	2.95	4.80	6.60	17.50
Concord, 2-yr., No. 1	.25	.95	1.50	2.25	3.65	6.85	11.85	15.95	45.00
Niagara, 1-yr. XXX	.16	.59	.95	1.60	2.75	4.95	8.95	11.00	35.00
Niagara, 1-yr., No. 2	.15	.55	.80	1.35	2.25	3.95	7.50	9.00	24.95
Niagara, 2-yr., No. 1	.25	1.05	1.55	2.50	4.10	7.50	11.95	16.50	49.95
Moore's Early, 1-yr., No. 1	.16	.59	.95	1.60	2.75	4.95	8.95	11.00	35.00
Champion, 1-yr., No. 1	.16	.59	.95	1.60	2.75	4.95	8.95	11.00	35.00
Delaware, 1-yr., No. 1	.25	1.05	1.85	3.50	5.95	9.95			
Lucile, 1-yr., No. 1	.25	1.05	1.85	3.50	5.95	9.95			

Note:—Our Concord 1-yr. plants are graded in three grades, the 1-yr. XXX being extra heavy, practically equal to 2-year-old plants. We especially recommend this grade for planting.

GOOSEBERRIES AND CURRANTS

	Each	6	12	25	50	100	200
Downing	\$0.25	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$3.95	\$6.90	\$12.50	\$20.00
Houghton	.25	1.25	2.50	3.95	6.90	12.50	20.00
Perfection	.30	1.95	3.50	6.15	10.55	19.85	32.50
Fay's Prolific	.20	.95	1.80	2.95	5.25	10.20	15.95
London Market	.20	.95	1.80	2.95	5.25	10.20	15.95

Discount for Early Orders.

On all orders received during the month of January we will allow a 7% discount from catalog prices. During February a 5% discount and on all March orders a 2% discount. This applies only to cash orders and no discount is allowed on collections, or C. O. D. shipments or when special prices are quoted by letter. See reverse side of order sheet—How to get additional discount.

A Great Shipper

**Fine Plant
Maker**



Pearl

**A New Very
Late Variety**

When Pearl was first offered a few years ago, we were a little skeptical as to the claims made for it; however, we bought 2,000 plants at a very high price from introducer for trial. They were planted in two small fields, one field being very light sandy soil and the other a black clay loam. Both fields made a very nice growth without any special care.

The second season we did not think there would be any fruit as each field seemed almost devoid of blossoms. However, on investigation we found the plants literally full of buds and fruit stems. The variety was so late that they had not opened up and so did not show much signs of flowering. All the varieties with the exception of Brico had quit flowering. These two small plots of berries in due time became ripe and they certainly were a sight. Most all the old late varieties, as Aroma or Big Late are very shy bearers, but the Pearl had an immense crop. The fruit was very firm, of good color and flavor and was of a size that made it command the top market price, as they came on the market at a good time, when all other berries were practically gone. This convinced us and now we are raising and selling more Pearl than any other very late variety. It is displacing the Aroma in the South and this is saying something, for Aroma has been the main berry there for a number of years. The Pearl makes a very fine companion for Brico, as it is a perfect flowering sort and is a variety which will add from five to seven days to your picking season.



COOPER

A berry of mammoth size and excellent flavor.
See pages 10 and 11 for description.



Grimes Golden Apple.



Delicious Apple.

15 Fine Apple Trees Bargain Collection No. 3

4½ Feet and Up
For Only **\$5.95**

A wonderful collection of trees at this price. All 4½ to 5½ feet in height, well branched and rooted.

2 Wealthy	1 Cortland
2 Grimes Golden	5 Delicious
5 Jonathan	

Too big for parcel post, shipped by freight or express, as you desire. Order by number.



Cortland Apple.

Stahelin's Cherry Tree Bargain Collection No. 4

Order by Number

These are all fine trees. Nice and straight and well rooted. Five feet and up in height. Would sell as No. 1 trees anywhere.

2 Black Tartarian (sweet)
2 Montmorency (sour)
2 Early Richmond (sour)

Six Fine Trees
For Only **\$4.20**

Too big for parcel post. Shipment should be made by express. No cash discount on collections.



Black Tartarian Cherries.
A General Favorite—Large, Sweet and Delicious.